

Bentonville West High School

Jazz Festival

Saturday, May 4th, 2019

Registration Fees

Big Band or Combo: \$150 per group performing

Ticket purchase for evening concert: \$10 per performer, \$15 per non-performer, max of 2 director tickets per group provided.

Information for School Groups

The Bentonville West High School Jazz Festival is educational and primarily non-competitive in nature; however, each school can choose a level of competition that is right for them. Options for entering the festival will include either performing for comments only for an adjudicated rating (ratings will be posted).

All performing groups will still receive written and/or recorded comments from each adjudicator as well as a clinic immediately following their performance. All groups will be allotted up to 15 minutes performance time and 20 minute stage time total. 1 guitar amp, 1 bass amp, a Steinway piano, 1 vibraphone and drumset will be provided on stage and in the clinic room. It is encouraged for timing/set up purposes that you utilize these, but are not required to. It is also encouraged that your drummer use their cymbals for sound consistency for your group.

Festival Clinicians and Adjudicators will select one Outstanding Ensemble and one Outstanding Soloist from each school size classification (1A – 7A) in two categories – high school and middle/jr. high schools. An overall outstanding soloist of the day and overall outstanding ensemble will be presented as well. Presentation of these awards will happen in the BWHS Performing Arts Center.

Performances will occur in Bentonville West Performing Arts Center. Accomplished educators/performers will conduct clinics and master classes over the festival. All daytime performances, clinics and master classes are free and open to the public. Big bands and combos will work with one of the clinicians in the BWHS Band Room immediately following their performance for 15 minutes.

Clinicians

Clinicians for the festival will be either current jazz educators or retired educators/performers from the Midwest area. There will be 3 stage adjudicators and 2 rotating clinicians for groups.

Festival Schedule

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All Times Subject to change due to contest entries

- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: Middle, Junior, and High School Jazz Band and Combo Performances/Clinicians
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Lunch Break
- 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Middle, Junior, and High School Jazz Band and Combo Performances/Clinicians
- 5:00 p.m.: Announcement of 2019 Outstanding High School and Middle School Ensembles and Outstanding Soloists
- 7:00 p.m.: **Evening Concert** – Bentonville West High School Jazz Band featuring Wayne Bergeron followed by the Fayetteville Jazz Collective featuring Wayne Bergeron

Masterclass Schedule

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- 9:30 a.m. – TBA
- 11:00 a.m. – TBA
- 2:00 p.m. – TBA
- 3:30 p.m. – TBA

Contest Flow

All performing groups will be given a time based on registration date. Groups will have a 25 minute warm-up time taking place in either the BWHS Black Box Theater or Choir Room. Chairs and stands will be provided for warm-up; however, rhythm section equipment will not be provided in the warm-up. Performing Groups rhythm section members will leave the warm-up area with 10 minutes left to begin set-up on stage. After warm-up, groups will have a 5 minute travel to the performance stage.

On the Performance Stage, groups will have a 15 minute performance window. Groups should use this time to perform a minimum of 2 contrasting styles, one swing and one contrasting. A maximum of three selections will be permitted on stage.

After the performance, groups will immediately leave and go to a clinic with one of the two rotating clinicians. Groups will have a 15 minute clinic during this time. Rhythm section equipment will be provided during this time.

Bus Parking

Busses will be parked in the parking lot on the West side of the school. Please reference the attached map for directions.

CONTACT

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