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JAZZ ALL-STARS YOUTH ENSEMBLE ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS FOR SIXTH ANNUAL SEASON



Fayetteville, AR – December 17, 2021 | The Northwest Arkansas Jazz Society (NAJS) has announced audition dates for the sixth season of its Jazz All-Stars Youth Ensemble, an annual jazz intensive for high school musicians. Students selected for the Jazz All-Stars will rehearse weekly throughout the spring, studying jazz techniques taught by professional musicians from the Fayetteville Jazz Collective. The program culminates with a professional studio recording, a masterclass with a nationally recognized jazz artist, and a public performance at Walton Arts Center.

“This is a unique opportunity for aspiring jazz musicians,” says Robert Ginsburg, Artistic Director of NAJS. “By studying with professional, working musicians students can both grow musically and learn professional skills.”

The Jazz All-Stars program is flexible in form and offers both big band experience and training in small combos depending on student interest and audition results.

NAJS is recruiting high school students (grades 9-12) who play trumpet, saxophone (alto, tenor, bari), trombone, guitar, piano, drums, and bass. In-person auditions will take place on January 29, 2022 in Fayetteville, and January 30, 2022 in Bentonville. Students can register to audition online using the form found at digjazz.com/youth-jazz/. There is no cost to audition.

The Jazz All-Stars will rehearse in person on Sundays from February 6 to May 1, 2022. Rehearsals will take place in Fayetteville and Bentonville, with the location alternating from week to week. Additional information about the program, the audition registration form, and audition materials can all be found on the NAJS website at digjazz.com/youth-jazz/.

The Jazz All-Stars are presented in collaboration with Walton Arts Center. NAJS funds the Jazz All-Stars program in part through individual contributions to the NWA Jazz Education Fund. Interested individuals can also visit digjazz.com/youth-jazz/ to learn more about the program and donate.

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