



Moorpark High School Instrumental Music 2nd Annual Jazz Festival

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Welcome to all of our festival participants! I am really looking forward to our 2nd annual Moorpark Jazz Festival and I hope that you find the event to be an educational experience for you and your students. Included in this e-mail is a schedule of the performances, a clinic schedule, a campus map, adjudication sheets and some important information that I hope will make your day with us go as smoothly as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns leading up to the 1st, please do not hesitate to call or email; I'll be glad to help with anything that I can.

Parking

Busses will be dropping off students at the bus loop and parking in the back parking lot near the new gymnasium. Both of these drive ways are off of Mountain Trail Rd. Those of you that are carpooling, there should be parking in front of the Performing Arts Center and beside it. Overflow parking will be available in front of the Administration building which is the entrance to the campus closer to the football field. (please review the map to help you with these locations.)

Check In

All bands must check in before they report to the Warm-Up Room. The check in table will be in front of the Performing Arts Center.

Please have **3 copies of your completed adjudication sheet (2 for combo)** and your **announcer sheet**. Your sheets should be printed front and back or stapled. We will have a packet ready for you at the check in table when you arrive. Inside you will find a

schedule for the day, a campus map, and wristbands for all of your band members. We will include enough wristbands for every student in the group(s) plus 2 director passes. Our event is open to the public and we want to encourage as much attendance as possible. For parents or anybody else that would like to spend the day with us, wristbands will be available in front of the PAC for \$5 each. These passes will give them all access to the performances, concerts, and clinics.

Equipment

For your convenience, we will provide a drum set with 2 cymbal stands, vibes, a guitar amp, a bass amp, and a baby grand piano in the theater. We will also have drums, amps, and an electronic piano in the warm up and clinic rooms. You are welcome to bring your own equipment if you prefer, just get in contact with the stage manager before your performance to pre-stage what you need. We will NOT provide: patch cables, hi hat, hi hat stand, and cymbals. Please contact me or the stage manager upon arrival of any needs beyond what we provide and we'll be happy to help.

Performance

All big bands will be performing in our Performing Arts Center. This is a very nice 425 seat theater that will have professional sound. You will have a total of 30 minutes on stage, including setup and tear down. Any time on stage over that will result in a 5 point penalty from each judge. Please feel free to make use of our stage crew to help you in any way that you need.

Combos will be performing in the Educational Center and will have 45 minutes to perform and receive a clinic with our adjudicators, Kevin Garren and Willie Murillo. We will provide a drumset, stand-up piano, guitar and bass amps in the room. If you would like to warm up before your assigned time, we will have the teacher's lounge available for that.

Workshops

There will be workshops throughout the day in the Educational Center (combo room). The clinicians that have agreed to be with us that day are some of the most accomplished performers and educators in the area. Please make sure your students take advantage of all of the great opportunities. A schedule of all of the workshops is included in this packet for your reference.

Concessions

The Moorpark HS Band Boosters have arranged to provide a variety of concessions throughout the day. Enclosed in this packet is a menu of what will be available with prices. There should be plenty for you students and parents to eat that day. For all of the directors, there will be a great spread in our hospitality room. This is will be located in the green room back stage in the Performing Arts Center. Please stop by during the day to have some lunch/dinner or just to grab a snack.

Professional Recording

There will be a professional recording made in each room available for purchase. CDs will be available soon after each performance for \$10.00. Please visit the CD booth in the front of the PAC.

Professional Photography

Group photos will be taken immediately after each clinic by a professional photographer. We will have a fantastic back drop behind the students and order forms will be available in front of the PAC. Don't miss this opportunity to have a picture of your group for your students and parents.

Afternoon and Evening Concert

We are proud to present two great concerts during the day. The CSUN "B" Band under the direction of Gary Pratt will be performing in the PAC at 2p. There will also be a special combo put together by Jerry Steinholtz and Matt Harris for the evening concert at 8:30p

Awards Ceremony

There will be an awards ceremony following the CSUN "B" Band for the Middle School and HS Intermediate divisions.

Following the guests combo, there will be the awards for the MS Combo, HS Combo, HS Novice and HS Advanced divisions.

Outstanding Soloist Awards

Outstanding musicians will be recognized throughout the day and certificates for those players will be included in your score packet at each awards ceremony. Also, the judges will be naming an outstanding soloist from the MS Big Band division, morning HS, Evening HS, and Combo division. These 4 students will receive \$50.00 gift certificates to Nick Rail Music.

Thanks again for participating in the Moorpark Jazz Festival. I am looking forward to the day and I hope you are too.

Sincerely,



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