

2009 Contra Costa County 7th Annual Honor Jazz Band

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High School Honor Jazz Band

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Dear Jazz Educators and Student Musicians,

The Lafayette Generations in Jazz Foundation is once again sponsoring the Contra Costa County High School Honor Jazz Band concert on Sunday, March 8th, 2009 at 6:30pm at the Acalanes High School Performing Arts Center. Please encourage your top jazz students to audition for the band as it promises to be an exciting opportunity for them. *Come play with the best!*

Students are **required** to attend all rehearsals, sound check and the performance. Have your students consider all dates. If they cannot commit to 100% attendance, they should **not** audition. The Honor Jazz Band auditioning students must *pre-register through their high school music teachers no later than December 1st*. Each student will pay a \$10 audition fee. See payment details on the High School registration form, which you can download from our website, generationsinjazz.org.

♫ Individually-Assigned Auditions will be scheduled for Saturday, January 31st, 2009, between 10:00am and 12:30pm at Stanley Middle School Music Room, 3455 School Street, Lafayette. There are no walk-ons.

Audition Requirements:

♫ Sight reading of a short selection comparable to what will be performed
♫ An *optional improvised tune with a recorded play-along accompaniment*, which you should bring to the audition if you need it (such as Jamey Aebersold). Improvisation is not required to make the band, but preference will be given to those who do.
♫ Horns: Swing Etude #1 "Jazz Etudes for Auditions" by Sandy Megas, published by Walrus Music (all-state audition book)

♫ Rhythm Section: Be prepared to demonstrate reading ability of different jazz styles

♫ Pianists and guitarists: Show comping to changes.

♫ Bassists: Play different grooves to changes.

♫ Drummers: Play different styles.

♫ **Rehearsals: Saturdays, February 14, 28, March 7 from 9:30am–12:00pm** at Stanley Middle School Music Room

♫ Sound check, dress rehearsal: Sunday, March 8th at 5:30pm & performance at 6:30pm at the Acalanes High School Performing Arts Center, 1200 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette.

Notification of individually-assigned auditions will be sent before winter break. The Winner List will be e-mailed to all schools the week of February 1st. As always, we look forward to an exciting group! If you have any questions, please e-mail me at maryfettig@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,
Mary Fettiq
Coordinator

Trumpet

Trombone

Alto Sax

Tenor Sax

Bari Sax

Piano

Bass

Drums

Guitar

Vibes

\$5 tickets will be for sale through band members or at the door (open seating)

