



SUBJECT: 2020 BIRD BOOT CAMP + MUSICAL SALUTE UPDATE

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

July 28, 2020

Hello Everyone Who Is Interested in [2020 Bird Boot Camp + Musical Salute!](#)

The event is still a go for Saturday, August 22 - with COVID-19 mitigation protocols in place. The [Bird Boot Camp segment](#) is from 9am to 3:50pm and transitions to the [Musical Salute at the Charlie Parker Memorial Monument](#) across historic East 18th, just past the Blue Room jazz club on Vine Street in Kansas City.

The Bird Boot Camp is inside the Gem Theater and participation is very limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **We have already reached the limit for student participation in the Bird Boot Camp event**, so registration for that is closed.

However, since the [MUSICAL SALUTE at 4pm](#) led by [Bobby Watson and Dan Thomas](#) is **OUTDOORS** and open to the public, we want as many musicians and supporters of the music to come out and participate. Bring your instruments to play a salute to "Bird" or come over and just listen to the great musicians of all ages.

We anticipate television coverage by local media outlets and are optimistic about garnering national and international media coverage of the event too. So, please make plans be there with us safely too!

NOTICE: We require the wearing of masks and the practice of social distancing at all events in order to participate or interact with participants in any manner. This event is presented "as is" and all voluntary participation by everyone involved is done so at the discretion of each individual participant. If you are even remotely not comfortable participating we encourage you to follow your own preferences. We plan to record the event and also stream it live to Facebook.

Thanks again for your interest and tangible support of Charlie Parker in the centennial of his birth in 1920. We hope our expressions of American jazz music, this event, and the KC area wide salute activities add an element of positivity and hope to the humans of earth.

All the best, Cb

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