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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### KANSAS CITY AREA YOUTH JAZZ ANNOUNCES 2021 AUDITIONS AND PARTNERS

*Leavenworth* - **Kansas City Area Youth Jazz (KCAYJ)** has announced its 2021 Season Auditions for Fellowships will occur on Sunday, April 25th at BRC Audio Productions, studio A beginning at noon. 2021 Auditions are open to any youth jazz artist in high school or college. In addition to the strategic partnership and alliance with **BRC Audio Productions**, Kansas City Area Youth Jazz has partnered with **The Paseo Academy of Fine and Performing Arts** to present its program model.

About the Audition. Everyone: (1) prepare one jazz standard for performance (head, improvised solo, out head); (2) improvise over F (concert) blues changes; (3) personal interview. +Rhythm: comp to your selected prepared standard; (2) drum set candidates will also demonstrate ability to play jazz swing styles, Latin jazz styles.

About Youth Jazz. Kansas City Area Youth Jazz is a spring-and-summer-only program that is free of charge to participants in order to preclude any barriers to participating. Youth Jazz Artists in high school and college are eligible to request audition appointments. Fellowships are awarded each season after rigorous additions. KCAYJ is a young jazz artist program that in addition to performances, also exposes those selected for fellowships to business aspects of the music industry unique to the process of preparing artistic music like Jazz for commercial recording and release. We will have instrumental positions for two ensembles this season: "**The Bill Crain Ensemble**" and "**The Leon Brady Ensemble**." Ensembles will rehearse, refine, and record original music written for them. The 2021 Fellows album will be professionally released on the ARC label and distributed worldwide.

"Youth Jazz is a unique program model in our third successful year," states Mr. Burnett. "We look forward to working with the young artists again this season."

Associate Musical Directors, Clinicians, and Business Staff for 2021 are Christopher Burnett, Rev WM Thornton, and David Cunningham. William Crain of BRC Audio Productions will serve as the primary recording engineer, consultant, and album producer. Kansas City Area Youth Jazz program has two professional albums available commercially on the internationally recognized ARC recording label. The debut recording, "2019 Fellows" album was also released as a limited edition vinyl LP. The "2020 Fellows" album will be released to all of the digital platforms this August.

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