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SUBJECT: KANSAS CITY AREA YOUTH JAZZ 2022 SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

Leavenworth, Kansas - Kansas City Area Youth Jazz is pleased to announce that the application and audition process for 2022 Youth Jazz Fellowships is now open for submissions.

ABOUT 2022 SEASON FELLOWSHIPS

Kansas City Area Youth Jazz has two ensembles:

- the Leon Brady Ensemble (LBE)
- and the Bill Crain Ensemble (BCE).

Kansas City Area Youth Jazz Fellowships are available for each of the **two ensembles** and are awarded to the most qualified musician candidates to fill the following base instrumentation in each group:

- (1) trumpet,
- (1) alto saxophone,
- (1) tenor saxophone,
- (1) trombone,
- (1) piano,
- (1) bassist, and
- (1) drum set.

Ultimately each Kansas City Area Youth Jazz ensemble this season can be a quintet, sextet, septet, or octet made up of various combinations of instrumentation. Awarding supplemental fellowships for a guitarist, a vibraphonist, a percussionist, and/ or a vocalist to the LBE and/or BCE will only be considered if the candidates are extremely high level musicians.

Interested candidates should contact Mr. Burnett with your name, instrument, email address, mobile phone number at director@youthjazz.us or leave a voice mail with all of your information at (913) 250-5141.

ABOUT 2022 SEASON TIME COMMITMENT + PROGRAM MATRIX

- A professional industry experience designed for our next generation of Jazz artists.
- Sunday evening rehearsals
- Paid concerts in the community
- Original music preparation for recording
- Spring and Summer Season: **April, May, June, July.**
- Recording sessions are at **BRC Audio Productions** on the **first weekend in August.**
- Professional albums released worldwide on the **ARC record label.**
- Rehearsals are only two hours per week.
- No meeting during 4th of July week.

THE LIVE AUDITION

We ask prospective fellows to prepare
(1) a **Jazz standard** with improvisation,
(2) **Improvise over the F blues** form, and
(3) **Play all 12 major scales** in 60 seconds.

(4) Personal interview.

KANSAS CITY AREA YOUTH JAZZ: The next generation.

About: The annual Kansas City Area Youth Jazz Fellowship Program features twelve Sunday rehearsal and clinic sessions beginning on May 15 and concluding with the album recording sessions for the Leon Brady Ensemble and the Bill Crain Ensemble on August 7, 2022. Youth Jazz Fellows ... play original compositions and iconic selections from the jazz music canon, get paid for live concerts, and release professional studio recordings on the ARC label each season. The program has 3 commercial albums.

Who: Kansas City Area Youth Jazz Fellowships are awarded by competitive auditions from among high school and college youth jazz artists candidates. Auditions are held during the month of February and March. The curriculum focus is on engaging Fellows in an artist-level experience by preparing music to a high level, performing live concerts, and releasing professional studio recordings each season.

Faculty: Christopher Burnett, Conn-Selmer, Inc. Artist and Clinician; William Crain, Director of IAEA and BRC Audio Productions; WM Thornton and David Cunningham from the Paseo Academy of Fine and Performing Arts. All faculty are composers, arrangers, and producers. Composer-In-Residence is Dr. Arthur White, Director of Jazz Studies at CalPoly. Clinicians and Guest Artists are selected from alumni of Berklee College of Music, Manhattan School of Music, University of Missouri - Kansas City, and other esteemed institutions, the Kansas City professional artists community, and various jazz organizations.

Cost: Free

Kansas City Area Youth Jazz Discography:

2019 Fellows (ARC-2994) available everywhere worldwide.

2020 Fellows (ARC-2277) available everywhere worldwide.

2021 Fellows (ARC-3671) to be released December 15, 2021.

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