



Jazz Big Band and Jazz Combos 2017-2018 Audition

Web submission

Dear students and student families,

I hope that you are all well! As another year of exciting performance opportunities awaits us, the VSO School of Music would like to invite students over the age of fourteen to our Jazz Big Band 2017-2018 Auditions!

JAZZ BIG BAND

Director: Bob Rebagliati

Dates and Times: Tues, 7:00-8:30pm; Sep 19 - Dec 12 (Concert Dec 12) / Jan 9 – Mar 13 (Concert Mar 13) / Apr 3 – Jun 23 (Concert Jun 19, Orpheum Showcase Jun 24)

Fee: \$575 for the year; \$195 per term

SPECIALTY JAZZ COMBOS

Recommended for: Players with some previous combo or jazz experience

Dates and Times: 8-session course each term; 90 minutes weekly on Mon, Wed or Fri; Oct 16 – Dec 11 (Concert Dec 13) / Jan 15 - Mar 12 (Concert Mar 14) / Apr 23 - Jun 18 (Concert Jun 20)

Fee: \$325 per term

Learn to groove with others under the guidance of the acclaimed faculty. Combos are 4 or more instrumentalists and vocalists who will explore focused repertoire on standards. All combos run for 8 weeks each term and students are allowed extra practice time outside of the weekly coaching sessions. Combos perform throughout the year.

JAZZ STANDARDS COMBOS

Mon, 5:30pm, with Paul Rushka (Fall and Winter), Jillian Lebeck (Spring)

Mon, 7:15pm, with Miles Black

Wed, 7:15pm, with James Danderfer

Wed, 7:30pm, with Jodi Proznick

NEW ORLEANS COMBO

Mon, 5:30pm, with James Danderfer

LATIN JAZZ COMBO

Thurs, 5:30pm, with James Danderfer

COMPOSITION COMBO

Mon, 7:15pm, with James Danderfer

JUNIOR COMBO (FOR AGES 8-13)

Sat, 9:00-10:30am, Winter and Spring terms only, with Bill Clark

To better understand student abilities, our Ensemble Director, Bob Rebagliati, asks all students to prepare:

- An standard excerpt or two of the materials that the students have played or have been practicing, and
- Scales: (a) pentatonic scales (five notes) and (b) C⁹ or Cm⁹ arpeggios in C major, a minor, G major, e minor, F major, and d minor.

MAJOR PENTATONIC five notes*



C⁹ to a ninth



MINOR PENTATONIC five notes*



Cm⁹ to a ninth



Please upload your audition video to YouTube, and send your YouTube link as your videotape audition to registrar@vsoschoolofmusic.ca.

How to Submit Online Videotape Audition

STEP ONE: RECORD YOUR VIDEO

Record a video no more than 15mins in length, of the student playing the repertoire listed in the audition guidelines above. Recordings can be made with a digital video camera or camera-phone. The applicant should state his or her name at the beginning of the video.

Recordings should be unaccompanied. Please make sure you and your instrument are in the frame.

We will only accept one recording; you may record your video as many times as you like until you are satisfied with the final result. Always listen back to your finished recording to check it is representative.

HELPFUL TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Experiment with the location of your camera, most will capture the best audio quality from 10-20 feet away.
- You do not need to use your camera's highest video setting, a lower quality setting will reduce the file size and make uploading the video easier.
- You should use the best stereo sound setting your camera has available.

STEP TWO: UPLOAD YOUR VIDEO

- You will need a YouTube account to do this; if you do not already have one you can easily create one free at www.youtube.com.
- Click the "Upload" button located in the top right-hand corner of the screen.
- Change the setting "public" to "unlisted", and then follow the onscreen instructions to upload your video. Make the title of the video "VSO School of Music Submission".
- Test your video by copy-pasting the URL into an email to yourself or a friend.
- Copy the URL in an email to registrar@vsoschoolofmusic.ca with the subject "Youth Honours Brass Ensemble Audition". In the body of the email, include the student's name.
- Do not change or edit your video after sending us the URL, and please leave your video on YouTube until you have been contacted regarding the audition results.
- If you need assistance with this process, please contact the VSO School of Music: registrar@vsoschoolofmusic.ca.

All the best,

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