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Skyview High School

Tim Heichelheim, Director of Bands

ADMISSION: \$10 ADULTS, \$5 STUDENTS

Director's Welcome

Dear Skyview Jazz Festival Patrons and Enthusiasts,

Welcome! We are excited to be hosting the 24th annual Skyview Jazz Festival. You are in for a treat today with over 25 scholastic groups, two college ensembles, and two adult groups in attendance to perform for you today! I am excited for the opportunity to celebrate the hard work, dedication, and talents of all the performers you see on stage.

Our festival strives to focus on the educational elements of what we do- the contests are important and rewarding, but the performance clinic, sight reading session, adjudicator feedback, and opportunity to watch a myriad of ensembles is so beneficial this early in the school year. The goal and mission of our festival is to enrich the music making experience for all of our participants.

I am also pleased to welcome Portland State University and Clark College Jazz Ensembles to perform at our festival. Providing the opportunity for our young performers to see and experience the potential opportunities beyond high school music is exciting. I am also glad to welcome Jay Si Proof, a local Portland legend, to the stage during our mid day headliner.

We encourage patrons, students, and directors to stay for as many performances as they can- performing for a crowd is one the most exhilarating experiences and all of our participants and guest performers have put in a tremendous amount of work and should be rewarded with a lively and appreciative audience. Please enjoy the day!

As I conclude I wanted to offer a special thanks to Brian Malcom, our coordinator chair for the Jazz Festival, our volunteer booster board, our sponsors and administration, as well as our two local music stores, Beacock's and Music World, for their continued and unwavering support.

Let's enjoy a wonderful day of jazz!

Tim Heichelheim
Director of Bands
Skyview High School

Master of Ceremonies

Steven Robertson is a retired high school band director of 44 years! Notably, he opened Skyview High School in 1996 and taught there until retirement producing some great jazz bands

As a retiree he works part time at Music World Stores where he visits schools and helps band directors as the school rep.

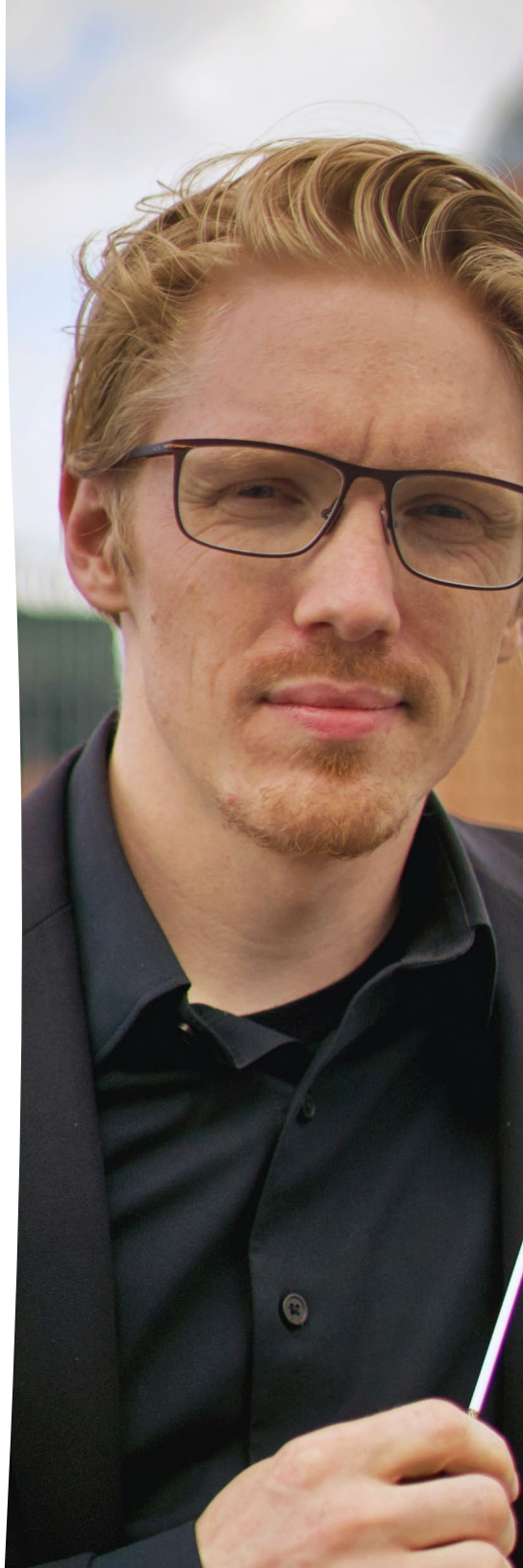
Steve plays in several ensembles currently including Salsanova (salsa band), Van Port Jazz band, Clark College Jazz band, Solid Brass Pdx (brass band) and the Jewish Community Orchestra. He can often be found subbing in many other music groups locally.

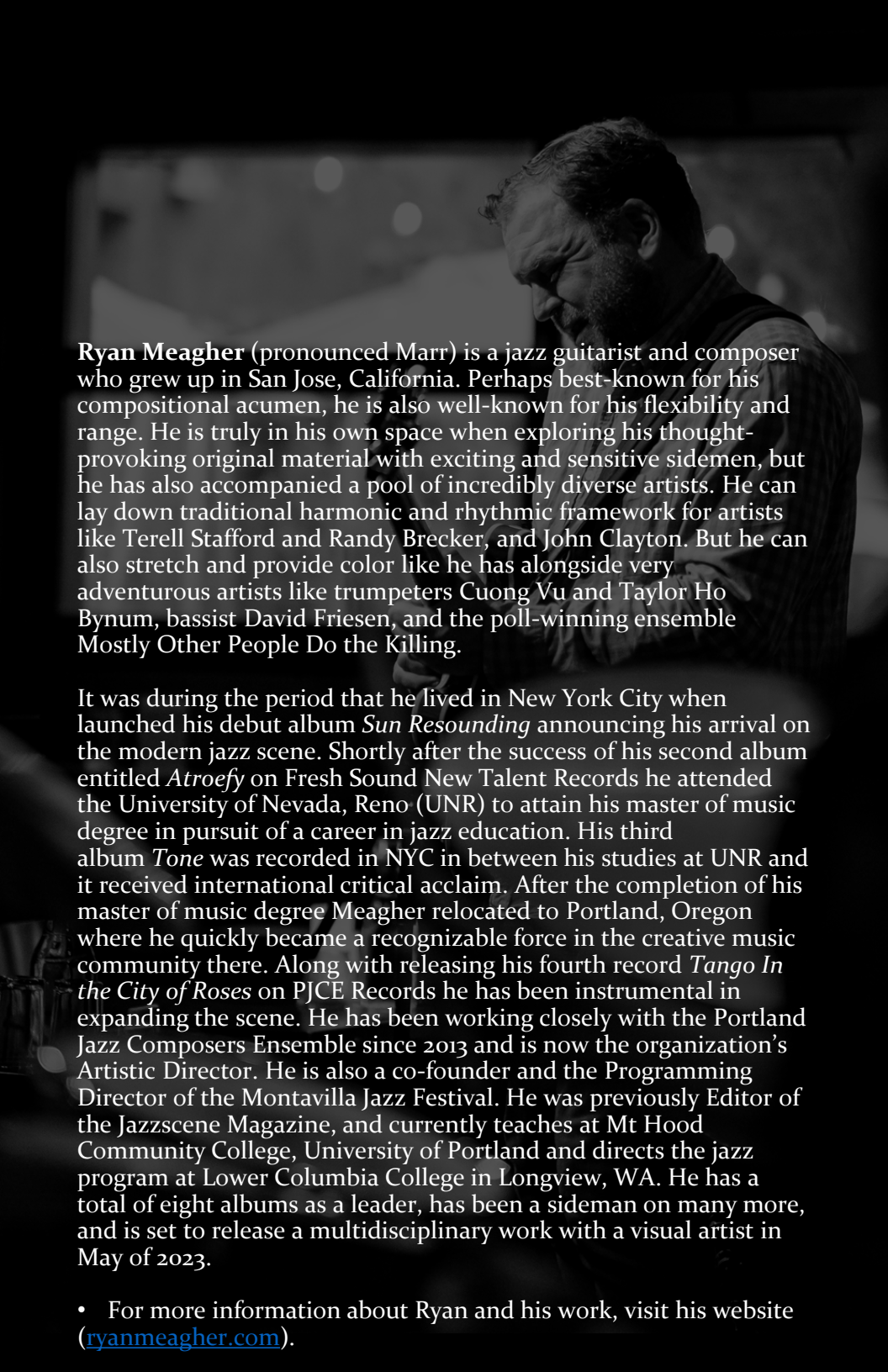


Adjudicators

Tristan Weitkamp is currently Interim Director of Bands and Visiting Instructor of music at Portland State University. He holds a bachelor's degree in Jazz Performance, a master's degree in Instrumental Conducting, and a master's degree in Education from PSU. Following his undergraduate degree he also completed post-bac studies at the University of Cape Town in South Africa.

Starting in 2015 Tristan taught jazz ensembles, marching ensembles, and concert ensembles at high schools across the Beaverton, Tigard, and Sherwood school districts. In 2016 Tristan founded a small-group jazz academy within the Beaverton School District which encompassed seven jazz combos across three of the district's high schools. In 2020 Tristan returned to Portland State to study instrumental conducting with Patrick Vandehey and consecutively complete a master's degree in education.





Ryan Meagher (pronounced Marr) is a jazz guitarist and composer who grew up in San Jose, California. Perhaps best-known for his compositional acumen, he is also well-known for his flexibility and range. He is truly in his own space when exploring his thought-provoking original material with exciting and sensitive sidemen, but he has also accompanied a pool of incredibly diverse artists. He can lay down traditional harmonic and rhythmic framework for artists like Terrell Stafford and Randy Brecker, and John Clayton. But he can also stretch and provide color like he has alongside very adventurous artists like trumpeters Cuong Vu and Taylor Ho Bynum, bassist David Friesen, and the poll-winning ensemble Mostly Other People Do the Killing.

It was during the period that he lived in New York City when he launched his debut album *Sun Resounding* announcing his arrival on the modern jazz scene. Shortly after the success of his second album entitled *Atroefy* on Fresh Sound New Talent Records he attended the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) to attain his master of music degree in pursuit of a career in jazz education. His third album *Tone* was recorded in NYC in between his studies at UNR and it received international critical acclaim. After the completion of his master of music degree Meagher relocated to Portland, Oregon where he quickly became a recognizable force in the creative music community there. Along with releasing his fourth record *Tango In the City of Roses* on PJCE Records he has been instrumental in expanding the scene. He has been working closely with the Portland Jazz Composers Ensemble since 2013 and is now the organization's Artistic Director. He is also a co-founder and the Programming Director of the Montavilla Jazz Festival. He was previously Editor of the *Jazzscene Magazine*, and currently teaches at Mt Hood Community College, University of Portland and directs the jazz program at Lower Columbia College in Longview, WA. He has a total of eight albums as a leader, has been a sideman on many more, and is set to release a multidisciplinary work with a visual artist in May of 2023.

- For more information about Ryan and his work, visit his website (ryanmeagher.com).

Adjudicators

David Duarte (sight reading judge)


Corey Foster was born and raised in Portland, Oregon. He began playing snare drum at five years old, and Drum set by 8. Foster graduated Cum Laude from Berklee College of Music in the Fall of 2014.

Foster's recording and performing career took off immediately - working with producer Alexis Rodriguez (Silver Gun Records), The Symptoms, and other Boston area bands. Foster was played with countless local Portland acts and released his first album, Taking Root, with his new band the Corey Foster Collective.

Soon after its release, Foster got the call to join the nationally touring Reggae Fusion band Indubius. Foster toured the country with Indubious, opened for all of the Marley's, Steel Pulse, and played major festivals like Kaya Fest, Shangri-La, Pyro Fest, and many others. Foster Recorded and engineered the drum sessions for two of the Indubious albums, From Zero and Beleaf. Both hit the top of the Billboard Music Reggae charts. (From Zero #3, and Beleaf #1).

Since 2019, Foster has continued to record for local artists, and for several artists in LA on the Silver Gun Records label. His private lesson studio is a drumming home to 30+ diligent students per week.

In the summer of 2022, Foster started Rooted Rhythm - a small business with an online store, and offering private lessons and recording services.



Don Norton is an Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Portland. As a saxophonist and woodwind artist, he has performed throughout the United States and abroad in a variety of styles that include jazz, classical, world music, and musical theater. He also serves as a clinician with the Vandoren Artist-Clinician Program and has presented at conferences of the Jazz Education Network, the North American Saxophone Alliance, and the Oregon Music Education Association. He holds degrees from the University of Northern Colorado, the New England Conservatory of Music, and Northern Illinois University.

Featured Artists

Headliner



The music of Jay Si Proof (JSP) is a collaboration of musicians, sounds, and influences designed and curated by multidimensional artist and visionary Jeff Chilton (aka Jay Si) fronting the project on vocals and the trombone. Chilton's credits include performing with The Diamonds, The Platters, Broken Social Scene, Branford Marsalis, Le Beouf Brothers, Terrell Stafford and recording on over 20 albums by Portland based ensembles. Described as "earth jazz alchemists" by Vortex Magazine, JSP was born in 2019 from the soggy jazz soaked earth of Portland, OR, and, since its inception, has evolved through adventurous jazz fusion, to indie low-fi jams, to a full fledged funk party, all while prioritizing genuine and uplifting messages of spirituality and human betterment.

JSP has performed their unique sound across the Pacific Northwest, elevating crowds in Seattle, Bend, Eugene, Rogue Valley, San Francisco, Santa Cruz and more. They have performed at venues such as Portland's Goodfoot, Seattle's Nectar, and Berkeley's Back Room, growing a passionate grassroots following. The band is known for their energetic performances, crowd engagement and involvement.

JSP released their "Closer" EP in Spring of 2021 to praise and attention at home on Portland's KMHD Jazz Radio as well as abroad in Europe and South American playlists. Their music video for "Our Lament" was featured in Portland's Vortex Music Magazine. Their upcoming 12 track album "Care About It" sees the band flexing their arranging aesthetics referencing influences from Earth, Wind, and Fire to Moonchild.

Featured Artists

Portland State University Jazz Band

The PSU Jazz Band has just performed their Fall concert of the music of Wayne Shorter. This is the flagship ensemble of the PSU Jazz program, comprised of jazz majors, SAMP majors, and Music Ed majors.



Featured Artists

The Clark College Jazz Ensemble is the premier jazz group at Clark College and holds an international reputation of excellence. Participation in the ensemble is by audition and jazz improvisation skills are not mandatory, but highly encouraged. Throughout the year, students are guided through an active learning curriculum on correct performance techniques of different jazz styles and concert repertoire.

Additionally, students are exposed to a wide variety of jazz-related subjects from jazz improvisation and history to understanding Latin/Afro-Cuban jazz rhythm. Above all, teamwork and leadership are a focused learning outcome. The Jazz Ensemble has performed internationally and received critical acclaim at many prestigious jazz festivals throughout the United States and Mexico where our students received numerous recognitions for outstanding musicianship. We are also proud that many of our students desiring to go on to four-year music programs have successfully transitioned to Jazz Studies programs such as University of Northern Colorado, University of Idaho, Washington State University, Central Washington University, and the University of North Texas.



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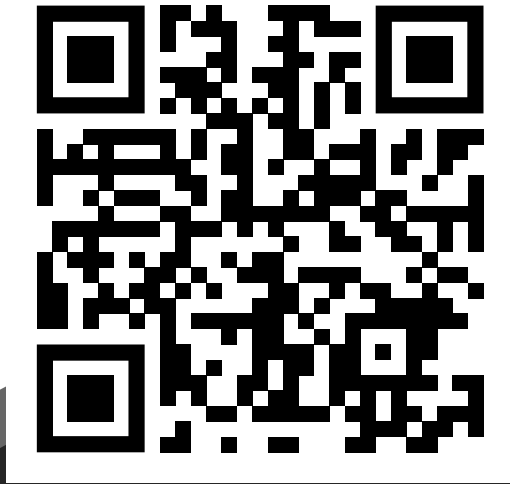
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24th Annual
Skyview 2023
Jazz Festival
Schedule
Listed by
School

School	Warm Up	Performance	Clinic	Sight Reading	Pictures
Middle Schools					
Beaumont Little big band	7:35	8:00	8:25	8:50	9:15
Alki	8:00	8:25	8:50	9:15	9:40
Tukes Valley	8:25	8:50	9:15	9:40	10:05
Laurin Middle School	8:50	9:15	9:40	10:05	10:30
Athey Creek	9:15	9:40	10:05	10:30	10:55
Chief Umtuch	9:40	10:05	10:30	10:55	11:20
Beaumont I	10:05	10:30	10:55	11:20	12:20* After headliner and awards
Columbia River	10:30	10:55	11:20		
Lunch Time Headliner- Jay Si Proof		11:20-12:05			
Middle School Awards		12:05			
High School Int					
Skyview II (exhibition)	11:55	12:20	12:45		
North Marion	12:20	12:45	1:10	1:35	2:00
Battleground III	12:45	1:10	1:35	2:00	2:25
Union II	1:10	1:35	2:00	2:25	2:50
Seton Catholic	1:35	2:00	2:25	2:50	3:15
Heritage II	2:00	2:25	2:50	3:15	3:40
Century Silver	2:25	2:50	3:15	3:40	4:05
Prairie II	2:50	3:15	3:40	4:05	4:30

School	Warm Up	Performance	Clinic	Sight Reading	Pictures
Grant II	3:35	3:40	4:05	4:30	4:55
Battleground II	3:40	4:05	4:30	4:55	5:20
St. Helens	4:05	4:30	4:55	5:20	5:45
Clark College - Auditorium Headliner	4:30	4:55			
Army Rock Band in the Commons		5:20			
High School Adv					
VSAA	5:20	5:45	6:10	6:35	7:00
Glencoe	5:45	6:10	6:35	7:00	7:25
Prairie I	6:10	6:35	7:00	7:25	7:50
Hockinson	6:35	7:00	7:25	7:50	8:10
Century I	7:00	7:25	7:50	8:15	8:40
Grant I	7:25	7:50	8:15	8:40	9:05
Battle Ground I	7:50	8:15	8:40	9:05	* BG photos either before division or after awards
Skyview I (exhibition)	8:15	8:40			
PSU- Auditorium Headliner	8:40	8:55			
HS Awards		9:30			

24th Annual Skyview 2023 Jazz Festival Listed by Times

Time	Warm Up Choir Room	Performance Auditorium	Clinic 500 Wing	Sight Reading (optional) 600 wing	Pictures (optional) Main hall
7:35am	Beaumont LBB				
8:00	Alki	Beaumont LBB			
8:25	Tukes Valley	Alki	Beaumont LBB		
8:50	Laurin MS	Tukes Valley	Alki	Beaumont LBB	
9:15	Athey Creek	Laurin MS	Tukes Valley	Alki	Beaumont LBB
9:40	Chief Umtuch	Athey Creek	Laurin MS	Tukes Valley	Alki
10:05	Beaumont I	Chief Umtuch	Athey Creek	Laurin MS	Tukes Valley
10:30	Columbia River	Beaumont I	Chief Umtuch	Athey Creek	Laurin MS
10:55		Columbia River	Beaumont I	Chief Umtuch	Athey Creek
11:20		Jay Si Proof 11:20-12:05	Columbia River	Beaumont I	Chief Umtuch
11:55	Skyview II				
12:05pm		Middle School Awards			Heritage & Beaumont * after awards
12:20	North Marion	Skyview II			Beaumont I * after awards
12:45	Battle Ground III	North Marion	Skyview II		
1:10	Union II	Battle Ground III	North Marion		

Time	Warm Up Choir Room	Performance Auditorium	Clinic 500 Wing	Sight Reading (optional) 600 wing	Pictures (optional) Main Hall
1:35	Seton Catholic	Union II	Battle Ground III	North Marion	
2:00	Heritage II	Seton Catholic	Union II	Battle Ground III	North Marion
2:25	Century Silver	Heritage II	Seton Catholic	Union II	Battle Ground III
2:50	Prairie II	Century Silver	Heritage II	Seton Catholic	Union II
3:15	Grant II	Prairie II	Century Silver	Heritage II	Seton Catholic
3:40	Battle Ground II	Grant II	Prairie II	Century Silver	Heritage II
4:05	St. Helens	Battle Ground II	Grant II	Prairie II	Century Silver
4:30	Clark College	St. Helens	Battle Ground II	Grant II	Prairie II
4:55		Clark College	St. Helens	Battle Ground II	Grant II
5:20	VSAA	Army Rock Band		St. Helens	Battle Ground II
5:45	Glencoe	VSAA			St. Helens
6:10	Prairie I	Glencoe	VSAA		
6:35	Hockinson	Prairie I	Glencoe	VSAA	
7:00	Century I	Hockinson	Prairie I	Glencoe	VSAA
7:25	Grant I	Century I	Hockinson	Prairie I	Glencoe
7:50	Battle Ground I	Grant I	Century I	Hockinson	Prairie I
8:15	Skyview I	Battle Ground I	Grant I	Century I	Hockinson
8:40	PSU	Skyview I (exhibition)	Battle Ground I	Grant I	Century I
8:55		PSU Headliner			
9:05				Battle Ground I	Grant I
9:30		High School Awards			Battle Ground I

*Indicates alternate picture schedule due to rotation/awards ceremony conflicts

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High School Intermediate Division

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High School Advanced Division

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Middle School Bands

School Name: Beaumont

Name of Ensemble: Little Big Band

Band Director: Cynthia Plank

Class: Middle School

Program Selections: TBD

School Name: Alki Middle School

Name of Ensemble: Jazz Band

Band Director: Mike Meskel

Class: Middle School

Band Bio: The Alki Jazz Band is comprised of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in band or orchestra who meet outside of the school day to rehearse. Due to scheduling constraints, they only get to rehearse for about 20 minutes, three times a week. But, since the musicians are excited to play in jazz band, they do the most with the limited time they have available.

Program Selections:

#1: Green Onions, by Al Jackson, Lewis Steinberg, Booker T. Jones, and Steve Cropper, (arr. Paul Murtha)

Soloists: Jude Lamere (trombone), Goose Johns (guitar)

#2: Pete Left Town, by Dean Sorensen

Soloists: Ethan Nielson (trumpet), Mira Thompson (trumpet)

#3: Rock Hero, by Victor Lopez

Soloists: Mira Thompson (trumpet), Eliot Forsman (trombone)

School Name: Tukes Valley Middle School

Name of Ensemble: Jazz Band

Band Director: Greg McKelvey

Class: Middle School

Band Bio: The Tukes Valley Jazz Band loves to swing! It is made up of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade musicians that meet three times a week after school. They enjoy performing at a variety of festivals throughout the area.

Program Selections:

#1: Front Burner, by Sammy Netisco

Soloists: Basil Middlemas - Tenor, Joe McKnight - Alto, Jackson Pierce - Trombone, Lincoln Toland - Trumpet

#2: Cerulean Blue, by Gregory Yasinitzky

Soloists: Jackson Pierce - Trombone

#3: Duke's Groove, by Peter Blair

Soloists: Hunter Robertson - Trumpet

#4: Singin' In The Rain, by Brown/ Denton

Soloists: Basil Middlemas - Tenor

School Name: Laurin Middle School

Name of Ensemble: Jazz Band

Band Director: Bowen Wolcott

Class: Middle School

Band Bio: The Laurin Middle School Jazz band competes at many regional jazz festivals including the Clark College Jazz Festival, the Clackamas Community College Jazz Festival, and other regional festivals. The band is comprised of dedicated band students who have enthusiasm for jazz music!

Program Selections:

#1: Driving Home, by Mike Collins-Dowden

Soloists: Alden Rowley - Trp, Alex Ferrara - Trmb, Addison Juhnke - Piano, Kenya Merrick - Tenor Sax

#2: Southern Charm, by Les Sabina

Soloists: Addison Juhnke - Alto Sax

#3: A Bari Cool Chart, by Andy Clark

Soloists: Landon Coy - Trp, Cody Halley - Bari Sax

School Name: Athey Creek Middle School

Band Director: Ryan Uldall

Class: Middle School

Band Bio: Athey Creek is proud to be a longtime participant of the Skyview Jazz Festival!

Program Selections:

#1: Barbados, by Paul Lee

Soloists: Lucas Wang - flute, Gabe Pearson - piano, Kian San Nicolas - alto sax, Charles Lewis - tenor sax

#2: Stolen Moments, by Oliver Nelson arr. Peter Blair

Soloists: Kian San Nicolas - alto sax, Charles Lewis - tenor sax

#3: Blues in Hoss' Flat, arr. Rick Stitzel

Soloists: Oliver Harra - trumpet, Gabe Pearson - piano

School Name: Chief Umtuch Middle School

Name of Ensemble: Advanced Jazz

Band Director: Greg McKelvey

Class: Middle School

Program Selections: TBD

School Name: Beaumont Middle School

Name of Ensemble: Beaumont Jazz Ambassadors

Band Director: Cynthia Plank

Class: Middle School

Program Selections: TBD

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High School Intermediate Bands

School Name: Columbia River High School

Name of Ensemble: Andy Rocket Limbo Party Band

Band Director: Dave Keckes-Chartrey

Class: Intermediate

Band Bio: The Andy Rocket Limbo Party Band has been thrilling audiences with their unique blend of jazz and party music since they first formed in 2016. Founded by composer and refrigerator repairman Andy Rocket, the band consists of some of the most talented jazz musicians in their block in Vancouver, Washington.

Program Selections:

#1: Stompin' On A Riff, by David Berger

Soloists: Michael Evans, Trumpet; Kellen Eki, Alto Sax; Rachel Hagerty, Piano

#2: Meetin' Time, by Benny Carter

Soloists: TBD

#3: Nasty Blues, by Mike Carubia

Soloists: TBD

School Name: Skyview High School

Name of Ensemble: Jazz Band II, 7:35am Jazz Orchestra

Band Director: Mike Meskel

Class: Exhibition

Band Bio: After years of a growing jazz band, the Skyview band program half-jokingly called themselves the "Skyview Jazz Armada." With over 40 kids in a jazz ensemble, the name fit. But this year we were able to split the jazz program into two bands. This gives the students more opportunities to get experience in the specific roles in a traditional big band. While they still come together to perform with the full "Skyview Armada," today you will be hearing the "Skyview 7:35 AM Jazz Orchestra." At this point of the year, the group has been focusing on time and feel, especially listen to examples from the Count Basie as well as the Duke Ellington jazz orchestras.

Program Selections:

#1: Come Fly with Me, by Jimmy Van Huesen (arr. Rick Stitzel)

#2: Stolen Moments, by Oliver Nelson (arr. Mark Taylor)

Soloists: Duncan Vondrass, alto sax; Caydence Semple, guitar; Liam Purcell, tenor sax; Mathilde Ludiye-Gay, trumpet; Levi Dillon, tenor sax

#3: In a Mellow Tone, by Duke Ellington (arr. Mark Taylor)

Soloists: Casey Flinn (trombone), Josh Wuethrich (trumpet)

School Name: North Marion

Name of Ensemble: North Marion Jazz Band

Band Director: Jessi Vaughan

Class: Intermediate

Band Bio: The North Marion Jazz Band is a mixed level, high school jazz ensemble full of students ranging from beginning to advanced playing levels. This is their second year attending festivals since before the pandemic, and they are active performers within the Aurora community.

Program Selections:

#1: Feeling Good, by Leslie Bricusse & Anthony Newley/arr Rick Stitzel

Soloists: Nadejah Moore, Vocal; Elliott Kiesel, Trumpet; Karl Koller, Trumpet

#2: April in Paris, by Vernon Duke/arr. Rick Stitze

Soloists: Nicholas Young, Trombone; Elliott Kiesel, Trumpet

#3: Little Liza Jane, arr. Mike Collins-Dowden

Soloists: Luke Bomar - Tenor Saxophone
Nicholas Young - Trombone
Elliott Kiesel - Trumpet

School Name: Battle Ground High School

Name of Ensemble: Jazz III

Band Director: David Linder

Class: Intermediate

Band Bio: Battle Ground III is Battle Ground High School's Intermediate Band.

Program Selections: TBD

School Name: Union High School

Name of Ensemble: Jazz II

Band Director: Brea Pierce

Class: Intermediate

Program Selections:

#1: Don't Get Around Much Anymore, Composer Duke Ellington;
Arranged by Mark Taylor

Soloists: TBD

#2: My Favorite Things, Composer Oscar Hammerstein II and
Richard Rodgers; Arranged by Roger Holmes

Soloists: TBD

#3: Outback Blues, by Carl Strommen

Soloists: TBD

School Name: Seton Catholic High School

Band Director: Michael Frazier

Class: Intermediate

Band Bio: We are a new band program in Vancouver WA. Our band program was started in 2018 and started with 7 members ("The magnificent 7") This is our 2nd year of having a Jazz band and we played our 1st jazz festival here last year. We are honored to be here for a 2nd time!

Program Selections:

#1: Hopscotch, by Paul Baker

Soloists: Joseph DiPrima, Piano; Brennen Richardson, Tenor Sax

#2: Willow Weep for Me, by Ann Ronell/arr. Kris Berg

Soloists: Parker Zaemann, Alto Sax

#3: Big Band Theory, by Larry Neeck

Soloists: Parker Zaemann, Alto Sax; Kyler Dixon, Baritone Sax;
Stephen Samwell, String Bass; Joseph DiPrima, Piano; Jordan Frazier, Drums

School Name: Heritage High School

Name of Ensemble: Heritage Jazz II

Band Director: Jay Cobb

Class: Intermediate

Band Bio: HHS Jazz Band 2 is one of two jazz bands at Heritage High School. They have been an active participant in jazz festivals and concerts around the Portland and Vancouver area for many years. The second jazz band at Heritage is comprised of students from both the orchestra and band programs and have students playing on both primary and secondary instruments. The Heritage Jazz band 2 is excited to be at the Skyview Jazz Festival this year and look forward to playing for you today.

Program Selections:

#1: Greasy Sack Blues, Composer Don Rader/ arr. Paul Murtha

Soloists: Jocelyn Cole - Vibraphone, Naomi Halbbrook – Trumpet

#2: At the End of the Day, by Paul Clark

Soloists: TBD

#3 Fancy Pants, by Sammy Netisco

Soloists: TBD

School Name: Century High School

Name of Ensemble: Silver

Band Director: Joe Aloia

Class: Intermediate

Program Selections: TBD

School Name: Prairie High School

Name of Ensemble: Jazz II

Band Director: Quinn Walker

Class: Intermediate

Band Bio: 2nd jazz band from Prairie High School in Vancouver, WA

Program Selections: TBD

School Name: Grant High School

Name of Ensemble: Jazz II

Band Director: Chris McCurdy

Class: Intermediate

Program Selections: TBD

School Name: Battle Ground High School

Name of Ensemble: Jazz II

Band Director: Cary Pederson

Class: Intermediate

Band Bio: Battle Ground II is Battle Ground High School's Intermediate Band

Program Selections: TBD

School Name: St. Helens High School

Name of Ensemble: Jazz Band

Band Director: Noelle Freshner

Class: Intermediate

Band Bio: The SHHS Jazz Band won the 2023 OMEA Jazz State Championship in the 4A Division last spring.

Program Selections:

#1: Fancy Pants, Composer/ Arranger Sammy Netisco

Soloists: Judah Olson, Trumpet

#2: At First Light, Composer/ Arranger Ellen Rowe

Soloists: Axis Long, Alto Sax

#3: Stro's Place, Composer/ Arranger Carl Strommen

Soloists: TBD

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Program Selections: TBD

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Soloists: TBD



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High School Advanced Bands

School Name: Vancouver School of Arts and Academics

Name of Ensemble: Rep. Jazz I

Band Director: Luke Brockman

Class: Advanced

Band Bio: VSAA's Rep Jazz has traveled all over Washington and Idaho performing at numerous festivals and Universities. This year the band will perform at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in the Spring.

Program Selections:

#1: Witchcraft, arr Taylor

Soloists: Sam Arslanian, Piano

#2: In Her Family, by Pay Metheney

Soloists: Lillian LaFontaine, Piano

#3: Flowers for Cats, by Shorty Rogers

Soloists: McKelvey Brewer, Trumpet

School Name: Glencoe High School

Name of Ensemble: The Glencoe Jazz Band

Band Director: Ben Adams

Class: Advanced

Band Bio: The Glencoe Jazz Band performs at local events in the Portland metro area and is a member of the Pacific League in Oregon. This year, they will perform at the Mt Hood Festival and the Proud to Be HSD event in May.

Program Selections:

#1: Chattanooga Choo Choo, by Harry Warren / Mike Story

Soloists: Holly Hesemann, Tenor Sax

#2: Over the Rainbow, by Harold Arlen / Paul Cook

Soloists: Brayden West, trombone; Holly Hesemann, tenor sax; Finn O'Brien, piano

#3: Lil Darlin' by Neal Hefti / Roy Phillippe

Soloists: Mazy Duyck, trumpet

#4: The Judge, by Paul Cook

School Name: Prairie High School

Name of Ensemble: Jazz I

Band Director: Ryan Messling

Class: Advanced

Band Bio: Prairie HS Jazz Band 1 is comprised of dedicated and enthusiastic students that recently got 2nd place in the AAA division of the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. They also placed at multiple other festivals last year and look forward to another fun year traveling and playing music together!

Program Selections:

#1: One by One, by Wayne Shorter, arr. Mark Taylor

Soloists: Aubrey Grier, Alto Sax; Lauren McCombs, Trumpet

#2: Secret of the Blues, by Bob Curnow

Soloists: Ruth Sprenger, Vibraphone; Alijah Machida, Tenor Sax; Aubrey Grier, Alto Sax

#3: The Joy of Cooking, by Sammy Nestico

Soloists: Lauren McCombs, Trumpet; Alijah Machida, Tenor Sax

School Name: Hockinson High School

Name of Ensemble: Jazz Band

Band Director: Corey McEnry

Class: Advanced

Band Bio: The HHS Jazz Band is thrilled to be back at the Skyview Storm of Cool Jazz Festival after finishing in 3rd place in the Advanced Division last year, its first time competing in that division. The band also received 1st place finishes last year competing in jazz festivals at Clark College, Clackamas Community College, Mt. Hood Community College, and Columbia Basin College.

Program Selections:

#1: Vine Street Rumble, by Benny Carter

Soloists: Thilo Kluth, piano; Jack Smith, tenor sax

#2: I Remember Stan, by Lennie Niehaus

Soloists: Thilo Kluth, piano; Levi Brown, trumpet

#3: Manteca, Composer Dizzy Gillespie/arr. Mike Tomaro

Soloists: Jack Smith, tenor sax; Adam Haunreiter, guitar

School Name: Century High School

Name of Ensemble: One O'clock Jazz Band

Band Director: Jim Dunlop

Class: Advanced

Band Bio: Century Jazz program has received numerous awards over the past 26 years

Program Selections: TBD

School Name: Grant High School

Name of Ensemble: Grant Jazz Ensemble

Band Director: Christopher McCurdy

Class: Advanced

Band Bio: The Grant Jazz Ensemble is a 6A group from Portland, Oregon

Program Selections: TBD

School Name: Battle Ground High School

Name of Ensemble: Jazz I

Band Director: Greg McKelvey

Class: Advanced

Program Selections: TBD

Exhibition Band

School Name: Skyview High School

Name of Ensemble: Skyview High School Jazz I

Band Director: Tim Heichelheim

Class: Exhibition

Band Bio: Skyview High School has an award winning jazz program. We are thrilled to be hosting this festival and are excited to perform for you!

Program Selections: TBD

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