

December 13, 2021

**Focus on Education**

*Last week to register*

Dear Music Educators,

We are excited to share several recent changes to the educational opportunities offered at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. These improvements are based upon feedback provided by you in our postfestival survey and influenced by the rapidly evolving capabilities in technology. We will now be providing both an audio and video recording of each group's performance. Because we will be recording each group in this manner, we will also be able to provide a streamlined process for a sweepstakes winner. This year, we will have a separate committee review recordings of top scoring ensembles following the daytime performances. This committee will select the top two ensembles from the day to perform for the sweepstakes trophy on the mainstage concert in the evening. This will eliminate the need for the Young Artists Concert, allowing a dinner break before the concert. It will also give students an opportunity to perform as a large ensemble at the evening concert.

We have also moved to a simpler format for performance and adjudication. This year, we will be providing adjudications on stage immediately following your performance. This will eliminate travel time between venues and will allow for student clinics to take place using exactly the same setup as their performance.

We are looking forward to seeing you this February! As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with further questions.

Sincerely,

The Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival Team