

A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF JAZZ STUDIES

Welcome back! We have a very exciting year ahead of us, culminating with the appearance of jazz great saxophonist/composer/arranger Bob Mintzer as our guest artist for the 44th Annual TCU Jazz Festival, which will take place on March 24-25, 2023. The audition process will follow the same format as set last year. You should be able to find the prepared music for all instrumentalists posted on the TCU Band website. Please have this material prepared for your audition in August. Additionally, I'll ask you to sight-read and improvise if you want to be considered for a "jazz" chair in one of the ensembles. With the exception of drumset, ALL of the auditions will take place in my studio – (Landreth 331A). Sign-ups will be posted near the band office the week of August 15th. Please make sure to sign up for an audition time. It is my intention to have the bands set and rehearsing on the first day of classes (Monday, August 22). See you soon!

Joe Eckert
Professor of Saxophone/Director of Jazz Studies

JAZZ AUDITION SCHEDULE

Auditions will consist of prepared music (see band website), sight-reading and improvisation.

ALL band scholarship students that play a jazz instrument are required to audition.

THURSDAY August 18

12:00 – 5:00 All Brass

Eckert Studio (Landreth 331A)

SUNDAY August 21

1:00-6:00 Saxophone and piano/bass/guitar

Eckert Studio (Landreth 331A)

MONDAY August 22

First rehearsal for both bands – there may be call backs taking place during the first day's rehearsal, so please have both time slots available.

All jazz ensembles meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday. Mr. Eckert's band (first band) meets from 12:00-12:50 in the Band Hall (MSC 115). Mr. Carter's band (second band) meets in the Band Hall (MSC 115) from 1:00-1:50.

**** Please check back closer to the beginning of the school year for any changes in this audition schedule.***