

2019 WJO Honour Jazz Bands

The Winnipeg Jazz Orchestra's annual Honour Jazz Bands program provides students from across the province the opportunity to gather together for a shared experience of fast-paced musical challenge and growth in the context of a big band. Participants will work closely with Manitoba's finest jazz educators and performers.

Manitoba students are eligible to audition for the opportunity to perform in one of three bands: Junior, Intermediate or Senior and are selected based on the strength of their audition, which includes improvisation and excerpts (and sight reading in live auditions). Rehearsals take place over the course of three fast-paced and exciting days in preparation for the final concert as part of the TD Winnipeg International Jazz Festival.

Bands and Eligibility

Junior (1 – 2 years jazz experience)

Greg Crowe, *director*

Intermediate (3 – 4 years jazz experience)

Sean Irvine, *director*

Senior (4-5+ years jazz experience)

Neil Watson, *director*

Auditions Material

- Two contrasting pieces of the student's own choice (there will be pieces available on-line if students need material, but they are not required).
- *Minimum 2 choruses of improvisation on the blues progressing (any key).*
- *Drummers: play swing, latin & ballad, as well as solo in any style.*
- *Bass: Two contrasting pieces (play melody and bass line), solo & walk on the blues.*
- *Piano/Guitar/Vibes: Two contrasting pieces (melody and comp), solo & comp on the blues*
- *Potential lead trumpet players: include material that demonstrates range*
- *Live auditions will include sight reading.*

Submission Deadline: May 30, 2019

Results Announced: June 3, 2019

Registration Deadline: June 7, 2019

Auditions will be received in the following ways:

- In-school live auditions held by a WOHJB representative. Please fill out the poll at <https://doodle.com/poll/v7h63czxdt37txms> or by contacting Neil at nwatsonsax@gmail.com
- Physical submission to: **6 Northport Bay, R3X 2H2** (RECEIVED by May 30/19). Application form available at www.winnipegjazzorchestra.com/ or e-mail: nwatsonsax@gmail.com

Fee

There is no cost to audition.

There is a \$75 registration fee for those chosen to one of the bands, which includes:

- t-shirt
- TD Winnipeg International Jazz Festival Access pass with special privileges
- Workshops (date/time/loc. Tba)
- Concert(s) (date/time/loc tba)

Schedule:

Saturday, June 15/19 (University of Manitoba)

9:30am – 4:00pm – Rehearsals (3 hr) / Sectionals (1.5 hr)

Saturday, June 22/19 (University of Manitoba)

9:30am – 4:00pm Rehearsals (4.5 hr) / Sectionals (1.5 hr)

Sunday, June 23/19 (West End Cultural Centre)

11:00am – 1:30pm – 30 minute sound checks

1:30pm – Doors Open

2:00pm – Concert