



HIGH SCHOOL SOLO IMPROVISATION COMPETITION

High school band, choral, orchestra and jazz ensemble directors throughout the Fox Valley region are invited to submit student nominations for the third annual Fox Jazz Fest jazz improvisation competition. Sponsored by the Fox Jazz Fest, which presents the annual Labor Day weekend jazz festival in Menasha, and Heid Music, the outstanding soloist(s) will be chosen by a panel of area jazz professionals. Please read the enclosed application guidelines and note the entry deadline of April 15, 2012.

Finalists chosen will be notified May 1 of their selection. The two top finalist(s) will then be introduced and perform “live” with the Big Band Reunion at Frank’s Pizza Palace, 815 W. College Avenue, Appleton, on a Tuesday night in May. Winner(s) will be decided after this performance and then will be featured and perform at the Fox Jazz Festival over Labor Day Weekend on Saturday or Sunday September 1st or 2nd 2012 at Jefferson Park in Menasha with a professional rhythm section. Finalist(s) will also receive gift certificates from Heid Music with the winner receiving \$100 .The high school music program represented by the winner will also receiving a matching monetary award.

Eligibility:

All entries must be currently enrolled in their school’s jazz ensemble, choral or high school instrumental program. The applicant should include a recommendation for this award and the signature of the applicant’s school director is required on the application form. Students must attend schools or reside in the counties of Outagamie, Calumet, Brown, Winnebago, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, and Waupaca.

Deadline:

All written application materials must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2012. They should be submitted to:

Lori Lacey, Education Chairman, Fox Jazz Fest, 1011C Green Tree Ravine Ct.,
Appleton, WI 54915

In addition to the written application an MP3 audio file of the student’s audition should be emailed to LaceyL@mac.com no later that April 15, 2012. See below for audition requirements. Questions may be directed to Lori Lacey at 920-427-7608.

The panel of judges for the competition will include John Harmon, Artistic Director for the FoxJazzFest, Bob Levy, leader of the Big Band Reunion, Marty Robinson, Director of the UW-Oshkosh Jazz Ensemble, Brad Curran, past president of IAJE-WI and leader of the Jazz Quartet DIG and Lori Lacey, Director of Orchestras in the Kaukauna Area School District.

2012 Solo Jazz Competition---Application for High School students

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Phone: _____

E mail address: _____

School Now Attending: _____

City/Town: _____

Current grade in school: _____ INSTRUMENT/VOICE: _____

Name of High School Band, String, Choral or Jazz Ensemble Director:

Private teacher: _____

Groups you have performed with: _____

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

All applicants are to email an MP3 audio file no longer than fifteen minutes to LaceyL@mac.com to include the following:

1. Medium or up-tempo jazz tune (chosen from WSMA list)
2. Blues
3. Latin

All selections *MUST* include improvisation in *each* category. The recording is to be made with the soloist playing or singing along with either:

1. Piano OR guitar, bass and drums
2. An Aebersold or similar rhythm track
3. A Smart Music rhythm track
4. A Band-in-a Box rhythm track

Signature of High School Band, String, Choral or Jazz Ensemble Director:

Recommendation-

Name/Position: _____

Comments about applicant: