



CENTRAL

KENTUCKY

Youth Orchestras

JAZZ ARTS ORCHESTRA

AND

JAZZ REPERTORY ORCHESTRA

AUDITIONS

AUDITION VIDEOS DUE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

at 11:59pm



About the Jazz Arts Orchestra

In January 2008 CKYO adopted the former Jazz Arts Foundation Youth Ensemble, adding big-band jazz to our highly successful classical orchestras. The Jazz Arts Orchestra (JAO) rehearses one night a week and is comprised of the standard big band instrumentation: alto, tenor, and baritone saxophones, trombones, trumpets, and a full rhythm section featuring drums, bass, guitar, and piano. University of Kentucky Professor Raleigh Dailey leads the CKYO Jazz Ensembles.

Spring 2021 – In this unusual year, we are still making music and plan to do so with our Jazz ensembles this spring! We plan to have a full Jazz Arts Ensemble (2 Alto, 2 tenor, 1 bari, 4 trumpets, 4 trombones, piano, guitar, bass, drumset) and will reserve rehearsal space to accommodate with proper distancing between seats..

Wind and Brass Students will be provided with 1 performance mask with slit and a bell cover for your instrument at the initial rehearsal. Students must bring these to every rehearsal and recording and will not be permitted to play without both. Piano, guitar, bass, drumset will be required to wear a regular fabric face mask for the entire rehearsal. Rehearsal times will also be shortened (likely only 60 minutes per week).

Rehearsal Start Date and time TBA

Further details regarding rehearsal dates and ensemble placements will be released mid to late January. And, of course, our ability to begin Spring 2021 rehearsals in person will be affected by public health conditions and guidance from national, state, and local governments. In every decision we make, we will prioritize the health and safety of CKYO musicians and their families.

About the Jazz Repertory Orchestra

Now in its fifth season, the Jazz Repertory Orchestra (JRO) is an ensemble open to middle and high school students who are interested in participating in a select Jazz Ensemble but have less experience than students in the JAO. University of Kentucky Professor Raleigh Dailey leads the CKYO Jazz Ensembles.

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CKYO Jazz Ensemble

Audition Rules and Requirements

1. Please visit our Audition Page at <https://www.ckyo.org/Auditions-Spring-2021> for information about your audition video recording.
2. SCHOOL and PRIVATE LESSON PARTICIPATION: It is CKYO's policy that all members are participating in their school band or orchestra program (if available at their enrolled school) and are enrolled in regular private lessons on their instrument while participating in CKYO. Students are not required to fulfill these requirements in advance of being accepted into an ensemble, but must fulfill the requirements while participating in and rehearsing with a CKYO ensemble. CKYO remains committed to and supportive of school music programs and the artists in our community who teach privately and feel they continue to be one of our greatest assets to each students' musical success.
3. For the audition, each student should prepare a solo piece - jazz (preferred) or classical - that showcases your strengths. If you do not have a solo piece, you may play repertoire you have prepared in your school band but it should be between 3-5 minutes of music.
4. All students (even those who participated in spring 2020 jazz ensembles) interested in participating in a Jazz Ensemble for Spring 2021 (January thru May 2021), should follow the instructions below and submit a video in order to participate in a CKYO Jazz Ensemble. ***Due to space restrictions, we may not be able to accept every student who auditions for an ensemble, but we will work our hardest to place as many students as possible this spring.***
5. Auditions will be virtual and students will audition via video. Instructions are available on our website at www.ckyo.org/Auditions-Spring-2021
6. You will upload your audition per the instructions listed on the website and complete the audition application. There is a \$15 audition fee per student.
7. Results will be EMAILED to all who auditioned in mid-January and an announcement about when rehearsals will begin will be available at that time.