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2009-10 HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND PROGRAM

15th Annual *EE* Competition & Festival Winners!

May 8-10, 2010

The **15th Annual *EE* Competition & Festival** was a fantastic celebration of Duke Ellington, Mary Lou Williams, and 16 high school jazz ensembles that performed at Jazz at Lincoln Center!

The three day event included workshops, rehearsals, jam sessions, and performances, and concluded with a final evening Concert and Awards Ceremony at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall, where the three top-placing bands shared the stage with Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra.

This year's top three bands were:

First Place:
Garfield High School
Seattle, Washington

Second Place:
Dillard Center for the Arts
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Third Place:
Foxboro High School
Foxboro, Massachusetts

Honorable Mention:
Roosevelt High School
Seattle, Washington

Winning Community Ensemble:
Tucson Jazz Institute
Tucson, Arizona

In addition, over 50 individual soloists and sections were named for outstanding performances. To view the complete press release [click here](#).

For more information about the Competition & Festival [click here](#) to visit our website or contact us at ee@jalc.org.

2010 Band Director Academy Final Registration

Deadline: June 1, 2010

Registration will close soon for the 2010 Band Director Academy (BDA), happening June 25-28 at Jazz at Lincoln Center. This year's BDA will focus on **Teaching Improvisation**, and emphasizes hands-on learning and concepts and techniques that can be immediately applied in the classroom.

Visit the [BDA website](#) for complete workshop information, including faculty, curriculum, schedule, tuition and scholarships, housing, online registration and more. **Only 15 spaces remain; so register soon!**

The deadline for discounted hotel rates is **June 3**.

*NOTE: 2009-10 Essentially Ellington directors get a **\$50 discount** on BDA registration.*

Contact us at bda@jalc.org or 212-258-9918 with questions.

Renewal for *EE* 2010-11 Coming Soon

Membership Forms in the Mail

Be on the lookout for a **2010-11 Membership Renewal Form** that we will be mailing to your school soon.

Please **complete this renewal form and return it to us immediately** in order to guarantee your school's membership and ensure that you will be included in the first shipment of *EE* resources packages next fall.

Online registration for the 2010-11 school year will not begin until August in order to give current membership renewals priority. In order to renew your membership during this advance registration period, you must return the 2010-11 Membership Renewal Form that is sent to your school.

Feel free to contact us with any questions at ee@jalc.org

Visit JALC at Jazz Education Network's National Conference This Week!

May 20-22 - St. Louis, Missouri

Come visit Jazz at Lincoln Center at **Booth #22** during this week's Jazz Education Network (JEN) First Annual National Conference at the University of Missouri in St. Louis.

In addition, stop by the panel discussion on **Thursday at 3pm - Artist Teachers, Students, and Fans: Develop and Connect to Your Audience Through Social Media** - where Jazz at Lincoln Center's Director of Education, Erika Floreska, will be speaking. Hope to see you there!

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