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Band Director Academy Registration Now Open: June 25-28, 2009!

Sign up now to attend the **10th anniversary Band Director Academy (BDA)**, a four-day professional development workshop on **the essentials of teaching jazz** including improvisation, rhythm section and big band rehearsal techniques.

Featuring an integration of performance, jazz pedagogy and demonstration of best practices, BDA emphasizes hands-on learning and techniques to be applied directly in the classroom. It is led by some of the foremost jazz educators in the country and also includes jam sessions, lunchtime topic discussions and a faculty concert.

June 25-28, 2009 at Jazz at Lincoln Center in **New York City**.

Faculty includes: BDA Director Ron Carter, Alvin Atkinson, Wycliffe Gordon, Stephen Massey, Reggie Thomas and Rodney Whitaker!

EE members are eligible for a \$50 tuition discount and we also have travel scholarships available to help get you to New York.

For more information and to sign up now, visit www.jalc.org/bda or contact us at bda@jalc.org.

Comments Only Submission Deadline: March 31st!

The deadline to send us a recording of your band performing charts from the *EE* library for professional feedback is **March 31!**

The Comments Only option is free for all *EE* schools and is a great way to learn through rehearsing, recording and receiving a valuable new perspective on your ensemble. All schools receive a noncompetitive score based on our adjudication rubrics, written comments from a JALC consultant and a certificate signed by Wynton Marsalis. Take advantage of one of the best resources *EE* has to offer.

For the application and guidelines and more information click [here](#).
Feel free to contact us at ee@jalc.org or 212-258-9812 with any questions.

Attend an In-School Workshop at an EE Finalist School!

Essentially Ellington is sending clinicians to work with each of the 15 finalist bands in preparation for the Competition & Festival in New York. Check the schedule below to see when a workshop will be in your area, and contact us if you're interested in attending.

Monday, March 30

North Scott High School
Eldridge, IA
8:00am to 12:00pm

Wednesday, April 1

Newport High School
Bellevue, WA
1:00 to 5:00pm

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Kingston High School
Kingston, NY
1:00 to 5:00pm

Thursday, April 2

Wellesley High School
Wellesley, MA
1:00 to 3:00pm, 4:00 to 6:00pm

Thursday, April 2

New World School of the Arts
Miami, FL
1:30 to 5:30pm

Monday, April 6

Calabasas High School
Calabasas, CA
3:00 to 7:00pm

Tuesday, April 7

Agoura High School
Agoura Hills, CA
8:00am to 12:00pm

Thursday, April 9

Garfield High School
Seattle, WA

12:30 to 4:30pm

Friday, April 10

Foxboro High School
Foxboro, MA
12:00 to 4:00pm

Friday, April 10

Roosevelt High School
Seattle, WA
4:00 to 6:00pm, 7:00 to 9:00pm

Monday, April 13

Eau Claire Memorial High School
Eau Claire, WI
6:00 to 10:00pm

Thursday, April 16

State College Area High School
State College, PA
1:30 to 5:30pm

Monday, April 20

Badger Union High School
Lake Geneva, WI
8:00 to 10:00am, 11:00am to 1:00pm

Monday, April 20

Beloit High School
Beloit, WI
6:00 to 10:00pm

Friday, April 24

LA County High School
Los Angeles, CA
1:30 to 5:30pm

EE Essay Contest Winners Announced!

We are pleased to announce the winners of the Eighth Annual *Essentially Ellington* Essay Contest, as chosen by Wynton Marsalis and Jazz at Lincoln Center:

First Place

Elizabeth Vandorpe
Boston Latin School,
Boston, Massachusetts

Second Place

Bryan Le
Barrington High School
Barrington, Rhode Island

Third Place

Diane Reyes
Tarpon Springs High School
Clearwater, Florida

The winning essays will be posted on www.EssentiallyEllington.org
Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's contest!

Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra featured on PBS, March 26 at 8pm

Tune in to **PBS** on **Thursday, March 26 at 8:00 p.m. EST** for *Live from Lincoln Center* featuring a concert by the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra and Wynton Marsalis at Frederick P. Rose Hall following an extensive and highly acclaimed national tour.

The band will perform specially selected music that they've played through the ages and the world over: favorite tunes from the band's expansive repertoire including original compositions by members of the band.

New Videos Posted on JALC Education Events Online!

We've recently posted new content on our **Education Events Online** website and are continuing to add more videos and recordings of education events from Jazz at Lincoln Center each month.

The most recent addition is a video from our **Jazz Talk** series, "An Evening with **Dr. Billy Taylor**." Join the world-class pianist and composer, television correspondent, and radio host along with host **Dr. Lewis Porter** for a very special interview and performance celebrating the music and career of this true Ambassador of Jazz.

Visit www.jalc.org/edevents to watch the video and check back for more updates.

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