

ERHS JAZZ ENSEMBLES 2016-17

WHO ARE WE?

WE ARE THE JOLT IN YOUR COFFEE, THE BUZZ ON THE STREET AND THE SUN ON YOUR FACE. IT'S THE BEE'S KNEES, THE GETS GET, THE CATS MEOW AND HUBBABALOOZA, IT'S GREATNESS REALLY! SO WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN?!? THAT'S RIGHT IT'S TIME TO GET THE ELK RIVER JAZZ ENSEMBLES STARTED!

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE ERHS JAZZ ENSEMBLES?

ERHS JAZZ STUDENTS PERFORM FOR SWING DANCES, CONTEST, CONCERTS AND FESTIVALS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF MN. THIS IS A GREAT GROUP TO BE A PART OF TO PLAY SOME REALLY COOL MUSIC AND IMPROVE YOUR MUSICIANSHIP.

THERE ARE TWO MAIN ENSEMBLES: THE BLACK ELK JAZZ AND THE RED ELK JAZZ. THE BLACK ELK IS FOR THE MOST EXPERIENCED JAZZ STUDENTS THAT SHOW DEDICATION TO CARRYING ON A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE. THE RED ELK IS A FUN GROUP AND A GREAT PLACE FOR MUSICIANS TO GET THEIR JAZZ FEET WET. THIS IS A PLACE TO HONE SOME SKILLS THAT WILL LEAD TOWARDS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THIS THING CALLED SWING. SOMETIMES WE FORM A JAZZ COMBO AS WELL CALLED THE WHITE ELK JAZZ COMBO. THAT GROUP IS USUALLY BY INVITATION ONLY BASED ON HOW SERIOUS YOU WANT TO GET ABOUT JAZZ.

WHEN DO WE REHEARSE?

WITH TWO GROUPS THIS YEAR, REHEARSALS WILL BE ON MONDAY AND THURSDAY FOR ONE GROUP AND TUESDAY AND FRIDAY FOR THE OTHER GROUP WITH POSSIBLE REHEARSALS ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS. WHICH WILL IT BE, WELL THAT IS DEPENDANT ON THE PERSONNEL. REHEARSALS START PROMPTLY AT 6:30 AM AND GO UNTIL 7:20 AM. YOU CAN SHOW UP BY 6:15 AM TO GET READY, WARM UP, WORK ON SOLOS, PRACTICE TOUGH PASSAGES, HAVE A DONUT, CLEAN YOUR HORN, FINISH YOUR COFFEE, SIGHT READ SOME NEW MUSIC AND JUST PLAIN WAKE UP! ☺ OUR FIRST REHEARSAL IS ON SEPTEMBER 30TH.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO JOIN?

EVERYONE MUST GO THROUGH THE AUDITION PROCESS. THE AUDITIONS PLACE STUDENTS IN THE RIGHT ENSEMBLE AS WELL AS THE CORRECT CHAIR IF YOU MAKE IT INTO THE BLACK ELK JAZZ ENSEMBLE. THE AUDITION MUSIC SHOULD BE TAKEN AND STUDIED. HELP IS AVAILABLE IF NEEDED AFTER SCHOOL. WORK OUT THE MEASURES OF MUSIC AND BE AS PREPARED AS POSSIBLE.

AUDITION SCHEDULE BE AT ERHS BY 6:30 AM - RESULTS POSTED ON FRIDAY 9/30

MONDAY 9/26: SAXOPHONES

TUESDAY 9/27: TROMBONES AND TRUMPETS

WEDNESDAY 9/28: RHYTHM SECTION

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

ACTIVITY FEE: \$110 - THIS IS PAYABLE THROUGH THE ACTIVITIES DESK IN THE MAIN OFFICE. *IF IN FINANCIAL NEED THIS FEE CAN BE WAIVED THROUGH THE ACTIVITIES OFFICE.

JAZZ BOOK: \$15-\$20 DEPENDING ON INSTRUMENT.

JAZZ SHIRT: \$15 - NEW THIS YEAR!

WE WILL BE GOING ON A TRIP TO EAU CLAIRE WISCONSIN THIS YEAR FOR A JAZZ FESTIVAL. THERE WILL BE SOME COSTS FOR THIS HOWEVER SOME OF IT IS PAID FOR BY ERHS. (LAST YEAR STUDENTS PAID \$150 TO HELP COVER THE COACH BUS)

THESE ARE IMPORTANT CURRENT JAZZ ONLY EVENTS TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:

OCT 3 MASS JAZZ REHEARSAL AND MEETING 6:30 AM ALL JAZZ MEMBERS
NOV 11 VETERAN'S CONCERT
DEC 8TH JAZZ AND PERCUSSION NIGHT
FEB 28TH JAZZ CONTEST AT PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL
MAR 10TH FIFTH ANNUAL SWING DANCE AT ERHS
APR 21ST-23RD JAZZ FESTIVAL EAU CLAIRE
APR 27TH EVENING OF THE ARTS

OTHER PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

PRE CONCERT FOR VANDENBERG AND SALK CONCERTS

EL NOCHE DEL PICANTE BURRITO

LUNCHESES AT ERHS, VANDENBERG AND SALK MIDDLE SCHOOLS

THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE EXCELLENCE WE STRIVE FOR:

Jazz Band of America 2007: Search in Google or type this in.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F0X4MnfcZok>

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