

Jazz Arts Institute



Attention Parents and Aspiring Jazz Musicians,

We've added a huge new dimension to our educational mission at Jazz Central by creating the CNY Jazz Arts Institute. Our mission at the JAI is to provide aspiring musicians with opportunities to discover, develop, perform, network and prepare for a life in music.

The Institute focuses on two professional training ensembles, the *JAI Big Band* and the *Jam Factory* improv lab ensemble. You're invited to be a part of these exciting new groups, woodshedding your playing chops and working together as the ambassadors of jazz in Central New York.

Jazz Arts Institute students will be given additional benefits such as serving as the student ensemble in all CNYJO Concert Clinics, performing before or in CNY Jazz Orchestra concerts, mentoring by guest artists in the Scholastic Festival of Jazz in the Square, career and college counseling and audition CD recording assistance, private teacher referral service, and eventual private instruction in theory, history and jazz keyboard harmony (as Jazz Central's Phase II construction is completed). And, we have formed a select "Jazz Ambassadors" group of entry-level professionals to provide the public with musical services. We've already booked paying gigs for them! This combo will learn the applied and business skills necessary to launch a performing career – and get paid professional rates on paying gigs!

Audition/interviews will be held through September, and will be informal in nature – each candidate may bring in any materials they wish to demonstrate their level of expertise, or just be prepared to improvise. As you can see in our brochure, our schedule is designed to avoid school vacations and conflicts with your school events. A parent/guardian must be at the initial interview. And tuition? For the entire 2009-2010 school year, JAI Big Band tuition is only \$249, and Jam Factory Lab only \$199. JAI Big Band enrollment is limited to 18, and each Jam Factory Lab to 12. A waiting list will be developed. Motivated students are invited to call 479-5299 to request materials, and will be contacted to schedule an initial meeting at Jazz Central. Work with the pros – learn for a lifetime. Call us now.

Sincerely,

John Jeanneret
JAI Artistic Director

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