

# The 2024



**Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

For Middle School, High School, and University Jazz Ensembles, and  
General Public

REGISTER AT <https://www.mtsu.edu/music/jazzfest.php>

**ARTISTS & CLINICIANS**

TAMIR HENDELMAN, PIANO

GUEST CLINICIANS

MTSU JAZZ ENSEMBLE 1, 2 AND JAZZ COMBOS

AND

the MTSU Faculty Jazztet  
Don Aliquo, saxophone  
Miguel Alvarado, saxophone  
Jamey Simmons, trumpet  
Julia Rich, voice  
Pat Coil, piano  
Chip Henderson, guitar  
Jack Aylor, bass  
Brian Mueller, drums



**TO: Middle Tennessee music students, directors, and general public**

Greetings to you. The MTSU School of Music and the Illinois Jacquet Foundation invite you and your students to participate in the **2024 MTSU Illinois Jacquet Jazz Festival** on **Saturday, March 23, 2024**.

The day-long festival is full of outstanding educational components including:

- **Middle School and High School jazz ensemble performances** for a panel of highly respected jazz educators/adjudicators in a non-competitive format, but with comment sheets/ratings, and a post-performance clinic for each band.  
Past clinicians have included Casey Brefka, Cord Martin, Roland Barber, Pat Coil, Gary Wittner, and Imer Santiago.
- **Outstanding Musicianship Awards, an Outstanding Soloist Award, and Outstanding Ensemble Award(s)** selected by festival adjudicators, with one or more ensembles chosen to perform on the Saturday evening concert.
- Morning **performances and clinics** by MTSU student combos, jazz ensembles, and area school ensembles with clinics by faculty and respected clinicians.
- **A 10 a.m. jam session** hosted by MTSU faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students. All are invited to participate and listen!
- **TBA - Presentation by Pamela Jacquet Davis** of the Illinois Jacquet Foundation.
- **2:15 Guest faculty clinic *the Art of Small Group Jazz Performance*** by the **MTSU Faculty Jazztet**, Brian Mueller (drums), Jack Aylor (bass), Chip Henderson (Guitar), Pat Coil (piano), Jamey Simmons (trumpet), and Don Aliquo (saxophone) and Julia Rich (voice). Topics include soloist/rhythm section interaction, improvising tips, jazz styles, song form, basic arranging, and musicality.
- **3:30 p.m. guest clinic** by **innovative** jazz pianist Tamir Hendelman. A veteran of the international jazz scene, Tamir will discuss his career as a working jazz musician and educator, give piano insights, and the details of jazz style and improvisation.
- 7:30 p.m. Awards ceremony and concert featuring **MTSU Jazz Ensemble I**, and award-winning **pianist Tamir Hendelman**. With registration, all ensembles receive tickets for students, directors, and parents.
- MTSU Combo performances for highly respected jazz educators-adjudicators in Saunders Room 101

Registration for the festival is at <https://www.mtsu.edu/music/jazzfest.php>. **Application fee is \$20 for individual students participating in the jam session and clinics and performances, \$200 for Jazz**

**Ensembles and \$100 for each additional ensemble.** For more information, contact Jamey Simmons, [James.Simmons@mtsu.edu](mailto:James.Simmons@mtsu.edu). **REGISTRATION FOR THE EVENT WILL BE OPEN UNTIL FRIDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>.**

The festival honors the legacy of tenor saxophonist/band leader **ILLINOIS JACQUET**, who rose to prominence in the 1940s with the big bands of Count Basie and Lionel Hampton. To learn more about the Illinois Jacquet Foundation go to <https://illinoisjacquetfoundation.org/>. We hope that you and your students will join us in this celebration of America's great art form at Middle Tennessee State University. Best wishes for continuing success in your programs.

Sincerely,

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Schedule of Events  
Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

All LIVE events occur in the Wright and Saunders music buildings on the MTSU campus.

- 8:30 - 11:30 am Visiting ensembles perform in Hinton Hall
- 9:30 am - noon Visiting ensembles one-on-one clinics with guest clinicians in WMB 173
- 10:00 - 11:30 am Jam session, visiting students, MTSU jazz students and faculty, SFA 117
- 11:30 am Presentation by Pamela Jacquet Davis of the Illinois Jacquet Foundation
- 9:00 am - noon MTSU Combo performances and clinics in SFA 101
- Noon Break
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm MTSU Jazz Ensemble 2 with Don Aliquo, Director in Hinton Hall
- 2:15 - 3:15 pm Jazz faculty clinic and Q & A "The Art of Small Group Jazz Performance in Hinton Hall
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm Guest jazz clinic by jazz pianist Tamir Hendelman in Hinton Hall
- 4:30 pm Awards Ceremony in Hinton Hall
- 7:30 pm Concert: Tamir Hendelman with MTSU Jazz Ensemble I, Jamey Simmons, Director, Hinton Hall

## 2024 MTSU ILLINOIS JACQUET JAZZ FESTIVAL APPLICATION

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ DIRECTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

ENSEMBLE: \_\_\_\_\_ (big band) \_\_\_\_\_

(combo) \_\_\_\_\_ (Complete applications for each ensemble)

SCHOOL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: (school) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell or home) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

EQUIPMENT: Middle Tennessee State University will provide the following equipment for warm-up and performance spaces:

Chairs & stands – set up assistance will be provided. Guitar & bass amplifiers; drum set, vibraphone, tuned acoustic piano, and PA system for a vocalist. Risers for trumpets and trombones will be provided in the performance space but not the clinic space.

NOTE: Drummers may use their own cymbals, bass drum pedal, and snare drum in performance.

PLEASE LIST ANY ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT NEEDS:

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### REPERTOIRE

1. Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Composer/Arranger: \_\_\_\_\_

Soloists (name/instrument): \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Composer/Arranger: \_\_\_\_\_

Soloists (name/instrument): \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Composer/Arranger: \_\_\_\_\_

Soloists (name/instrument): \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE: LIMIT YOUR SELECTIONS TO A MAXIMUM OF THREE WORKS.**

**Please include a personnel roster/schematic for each ensemble with your application.**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE is Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Application fee is \$200 for Jazz Ensembles and \$100 for each additional ensemble.**

**RETURN THIS FORM AND FEE TO:**

**MTSU JAZZ FESTIVAL**

**MTSU Box 47**

**Murfreesboro, TN 37132**

**Or scan and send to**

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# 2024 MTSU ILLINOIS JACQUET JAZZ FESTIVAL

## INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

- 1. APPLICATION DEADLINE** is Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. ENTRY FEE:** **\$200** for one ensemble; **\$100** for each additional ensemble per school. Please make checks payable to MTSU SCHOOL OF MUSIC.
- 3. SATURDAY "ROAD MAP"**. An MTSU student will meet and guide all ensembles from arrival to the conclusion of their activities performance and clinic. Each ensemble is allotted 25 minutes for on-stage tuning and performing and 25 minutes for an immediate workshop with a clinician.
- 4. PLEASE LIMIT SELECTIONS TO THREE PIECES!** Each group should perform works in a variety of styles (swing, ballad, funk, Latin, etc.).
- 5. SATURDAY POST PERFORMANCE ACTIVITIES:**
  - Each ensemble will receive an immediate clinic after the performance.
  - Ensembles may be given the opportunity to play as a part of the 7:30 p.m. festival concert in Hinton Hall.
  - Various activities will take place throughout the day, including sessions by MTSU JAZZ FACULTY, ADAM NUSSBAUM, and MTSU STUDENT GROUPS.
- 6. EQUIPMENT STORAGE:** Guarded storage space for school/personal equipment will be provided. However, MTSU is not liable for any school or student equipment.
- 7. ADJUDICATION:** All ensembles will receive written comments and a certificate for participation. The emphasis is upon education. The adjudicators' packets will be mailed to each ensemble.
- 8. CITATIONS/PERFORMANCE AWARDS:** The clinicians will select students to receive Outstanding Musicianship and Outstanding Soloist citations and will select one or more ensembles to perform on the evening concert. All students should plan to attend the 4:30 p.m. awards ceremony in Hinton Hall.
- 9. EQUIPMENT:** MTSU will provide all equipment (stands, amps, drums, percussion, keyboards, etc.) in warm up and performance rooms. Drummers must provide their own cymbals, snare drum, and bass drum pedal. Guarded storage space of school/personal equipment will be provided.
- 10. GENERAL INFORMATION:** All big bands must perform in the "stacked" format. A campus map, parking and food information and a scheduling update will be sent to you upon receipt of your application.

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Jamey Simmons  
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