



Music

ANOKA-RAMSEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS

WINTER JAZZ BLAST

Friday, March 25, 2022

Dear Jazz Ensemble Director:

It is a pleasure to invite you and your students to participate in the return of the Winter Jazz Blast hosted in collaboration by Anoka-Ramsey Community College and JazzMN to be held on our Coon Rapids Campus on Friday, March 25. This non-competitive festival will offer positive learning-based experiences for student jazz ensembles or combos, and outstanding performances by seasoned professionals free of charge.

Schedule Outline

Morning Session

- School performances with clinics
- Improvisation and Jazz Styles Clinic

Lunch

- On your own (campus space available for eating)

Afternoon Session

- School performances with clinics
- Director's workshop
- Trumpet, trombone, saxophone, and rhythm section clinics with Anoka-Ramsey faculty

Evening

- Concert featuring Jazz MN and the Anoka-Ramsey Jazz Faculty

All aspects of the festival are **FREE** to participating schools! Registration is open at arccmusic.com/jazz-festival. Please register and secure your ensemble(s) spot in the festival by **March 11**. Performance spots are given on a first-come first-serve basis, so get your reservation in as early as possible. For health safety purposes, we will be limiting the number of ensembles in attendance. All participants will be required to wear masks on campus throughout the festival.

I look forward to seeing you this year and hearing your ensembles perform! If you have any questions regarding the festival, please feel free to contact me at 763-433-1739 or by email at geoffrey.senn@anokaramsey.edu.

Geoff Senn

JazzMN is the Twin Cities premier professional jazz orchestra. It includes the area's top musicians, some of whom have toured with Doc Severisen, Buddy Rich, Prince and others, and performed with some of the most recognizable names in jazz. JazzMN cultivates the love of jazz by delivering a relevant, meaningful, and vibrant jazz experience that is attractive to a wide variety of audiences. JazzMN's educational outreach program allows local school students the opportunity to learn from—and then play alongside—JazzMN musicians in concert. JazzMN musicians have worked with numerous school jazz ensembles and have presented concerts that are often students' first exposure to a professional jazz orchestra.

