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Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival Modifies 2022 Format – Online Component Allows More Schools to Participate

The 2022 Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, Feb. 23-26, has supplemented its in-person program to include online components to meet the university's mask mandate and accommodate schools facing travel restrictions in the current pandemic. With cases of the Omicron COVID variant rising, the festival is adding online portions to the program and has modified the student adjudicated performances format.

While workshops and concerts will now be featured online for registered participants, as well as in-person, all student adjudicated performances will need be prerecorded and submitted before the event. Live adjudication, however, will be done in-person, as well as online.

"We welcome and look forward to seeing all those attending in-person, but recognize the challenges this pandemic presents," said Jazz Festival Manager, Joshua Skinner. "Now schools grappling with the decision to travel can now attend and participate in the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival online."

"No one has to miss out, now. All in-person workshops and concerts will be offered both online and in-person to all registered participants," Skinner continued.

This year's four-day festival will feature in-person workshops and performances by guest artists and clinicians for registered participants. All student adjudicated performances will take place online, even for schools attending the festival in-person. This process will be detailed to all registered schools this week.

The festival's evening concerts will feature current jazz icons Dee Dee Bridgewater and Chris Potter as well as all 16 members of the Lionel Hampton Big Band featuring Joe Doubleday on vibraphone. Schools attending the in-person events can purchase tickets at a discount to supplement their jazz festival experience.

The festival, which honors the music, dance and history of jazz, is one of the largest and oldest educational jazz events in the world. Recent festivals have attracted approximately 150 schools and nearly 5,000 students to the Moscow campus.

More information about the University of Idaho's COVID-19 policy can be found here:
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