

January 20, 2022

Dear Music Educators,

The 2022 Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival is looking forward to our quickly approaching event. We are continuing to provide educational and entertaining experiences to the widest audience while safely accommodating our current landscape.

The week's concerts will kick off with the return of the World Music Celebration featuring Jay Thomas, Yacouba Sissoko, and Jay Gandhi, followed on Friday and Saturday nights with the iconic sounds of Dee Dee Bridgewater, Chris Potter, and the Lionel Hampton Big Band. All participating schools are eligible for discounted tickets with promo code LHJF22.

Workshops will take place in Moscow and will be streamed out to our registered participants. We are anticipating having a schedule up next week, so make sure to visit the website for updates.

The LHJF team understands that our previous emails about our changes to in-person offerings may have been confusing to some. To help clarify, the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival has supplemented its in-person program to meet the university's mask mandate. This mandate requires masks to be worn in all university buildings, and face coverings can only be removed where more than six feet of distance can be constantly maintained. We unfortunately do not have the space to accommodate these restrictions for all student adjudicated performances. As a result, we are asking **all student performances to be submitted via recording** prior the festival. All adjudication sessions, both in-person and online, will include verbal and written feedback based on the recordings sent. Even with these changes, the concerts and workshops will still be held in Moscow.

Last week you received an email requesting that you inform our office of how you will be participating. We will have members of our team reaching out this week to verify with you.

Next week we will be reaching out with directions on how to submit your recorded performances.

Thank you all for your continued dedication to the success of your students.

Sincerely,

The Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival Team