



DEFINITIONS

- Level: Elementary, Junior, Senior, College
- **Division**: Sub-categories within levels (Senior only)
- Category: Type of performance (Instrumental/Vocal Solo, Combo, Ensemble)

LEVEL ELIGIBILITY

The same group of individuals may <u>not</u> enter in two different levels or divisions. Schools may register in a higher level/division if desired (i.e. Junior Secondary Schools may register for either Junior or Senior level; Middle School 6th grade ensembles may register for Elementary or Junior level, etc.).

Elementary: Students attending public, private, homeschool, or online educational programs in Grades 6 and under.

Junior: Students attending public, private, homeschool, or online educational programs in Grades 6-9.

Senior: Students attending accredited high schools, homeschool, or online educational programs in Grades 9-12.

Division: Determined by population size of participating school. Divisions will be automatically determined when a school registers as Open, AAAA, AAA, AA, A, or B. NOTE: These may not correspond with a school's athletic division.

- Division I
 - o AAAA: 1,100 or more
 - Open: Any Arts School or a High School ensemble made up of students from multiple schools.
- Division II
 - AAA: 750-1099AA: 525-749
- Division III
 - o A: 250-524
 - o B: 249 or less

Additional large ensembles will automatically be placed one division lower than the primary ensemble unless otherwise specified in the registration.

College: Collegiate students enrolled for the spring semester in which the Festival occurs.

PERFORMANCE DATES

Thursday Elementary, Junior, College

Friday Senior Vocal

Saturday Senior Instrumental

Non-competitive performers may register to perform on a different day if necessary. Performances will be scheduled on the day indicated in the registration.

ACCOMPANIMENT & ADDITIONAL ENSEMBLE MEMBERS

If necessary, older students, semi-professional musicians, and/or non-students may accompany the categories listed below; however, the accompanist may not sing or perform solos. The Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival encourages the use of student accompanists whenever possible.

- Any Elementary Category
- Junior, Senior, College Instrumental Solo
- Junior, Senior, College Vocal Solo
- Junior, Senior, College Vocal Combo
- Junior, Senior, College Vocal Ensemble

Any ensembles that that include older students, semi-professional musicians and/or non-students in a role other than accompanying will be considered non-competitive.