



CLIFFORD BROWN HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ ENSEMBLE COMPETITION

Saturday, March 24, 2012 • 9AM–4PM

ELIGIBILITY

- Open to high school jazz ensembles within a 90 mile radius of Wilmington, DE.
- All performing members must be students from the sponsoring high school.
- Open to ensembles of all sizes, with a minimum of 3 members and a maximum of 20 members.
- Ensembles must include a non-refundable fee of \$150 at the time of registration.
- Registration is on a first-paid, first-served basis and will remain open until a maximum of 8 ensembles is reached or until Monday, January 16, 2012.

VENUE

- Competition performances will take place in the baby grand. The Grand will provide a piano, drum set, chairs, music stands, vocal mic, solo mic, bass and guitar amps, and lights.
- Warm-ups will take place in Studio One. The Grand will provide a piano, drum set, chairs, music stands, and bass and guitar amps.

COMPETITION FORMAT

- Ensembles will have the opportunity to warm up for 30 minutes immediately before going on stage. Each ensemble will perform up to four instrumental songs for a total of 20 minutes, with an additional 10 minutes on stage for set-up and break-down. Performers must adhere to these timeframes.
- One song must be a Clifford Brown chart or "I Remember Clifford" by Benny Golson. Other selections must be jazz-oriented, with at least 2 pieces of contrasting styles.
- Ensemble setup and repertoire must be provided in advance of the competition.

JUDGING

- Ensembles will be adjudicated by a panel of three judges, including featured performer, Joe Baione. (Others to be announced.)
- Ensembles will be judged on quality of performance, not on arrangements.
- Judges will complete a scoring sheet and written commentary for ensembles to review after the competition.
- The winning ensemble will be determined by the highest combined scores from all judges. In the case of a tie, the winner will be determined by the judges' vote.

PRIZES

- **The winning ensemble will be invited to perform one 45-minute set at the 2012 DuPont Clifford Brown Jazz Festival in Wilmington, Delaware, June 18-24, 2012.** The winning ensemble must be available during these dates to accept the prize.
- Honorary mentions will be awarded for a variety of categories.

TICKETS

- Tickets to the competition will be sold to families and friends of performers, and to the general public, for \$5 each.
- Performers who would like to attend the Joe Baione concert on Saturday, March 24 at 8PM will be eligible for a discounted ticket rate of \$17 each (regular price \$25), subject to availability.