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## **National Jazz Festival + Gordon Goodwin Category = Complimentary Access to SmartMusic** *National Jazz Festival Announces New Categories, Partnerships*

PHILADELPHIA — The National Jazz Festival has partnered with Alfred Music and SmartMusic for its 2021 virtual festival with two new competition categories.

This year, featured in the inaugural “**SmartMusic Large Ensemble Category**,” is Gordon Goodwin’s new tribute arrangement to Sammy Nestico called [My Man Sam](#), inspired by his beloved mentor. This chart was written in the style of Sammy Nestico, and the ranges are reasonable for high school ensembles. It’s a great opportunity to expose students to both Gordon’s writing and Sammy’s style. Ensembles participating in this category will record *My Man Sam* as their submission. Participants in the “**SmartMusic Small Ensemble Category**” will record Gordon’s [Little Phat Shuffle](#).

As an added bonus for participants, upon registration to either of the SmartMusic Categories, ensembles will receive **free SmartMusic premium subscriptions from now until June 30, 2021!**

Registration is currently underway for the 2021 Festival. Band directors should register on the festival’s [website](#) by **April 1, 2021**. The deadline for performance submissions is May 1.

Deadline to submit recordings for both the large and small ensembles within the SmartMusic Category is **May 15, 2021**.

Additionally, members of the Big Phat Band, featuring **Gordon Goodwin** (composer/band leader), **Wayne Bergeron** (trumpet), **Eric Marienthal** (saxophone), **Andy Martin** (trombone), and **Ray Brinker** (drums), will teach Master Classes online for all participants on May 22.

High school and middle school musicians will compete in a variety of categories, including instrumental and vocal ensemble, pop-based a cappella, and jazz vocal solo.

The 2021 National Jazz Festival will air live on [YouTube](#) on Saturday, May 22.

More details can be found at <http://www.nationaljazzfestival.org/>