



MEDIA ALERT: For Immediate Release

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Join us at the Inaugural National Jazz Festival on Feb. 15

What: The National Jazz Festival will hold its inaugural event on Feb. 15, 2020 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia. The National Jazz Festival promises to be the preeminent jazz festival of its kind featuring over 1,200 high school jazz musicians representing 11 states and territories.

Student musicians come together to compete in a variety of categories, including instrumental and vocal ensemble, pop-based a cappella, jazz vocal solo, and more. There will also be performances by the 78th Army Band Liberty Vibes Latin Jazz Combo, UARTS Ensemble, Kutztown Big Band, and Westchester Big Band. The Army Jazz Ambassadors will hold clinics for students and band directors throughout the day and will grace the audience with a performance at the commencement of the awards ceremony. After the announcement of the winners in each category, winning ensembles will perform for all.

This celebration of young musicians and jazz music is free to the public.

When/Where: The festival will be held on February 15, 2020 from 8:30 am to 9 pm at the Philadelphia Convention Center. More details can be found at <https://www.nationaljazzfestival.org/>

About us: The National Jazz Festival, a volunteer-run organization, was created by instrumental and vocal jazz directors, caring parents, supportive jazz musicians and avid jazz supporters. The NJF team saw the opportunity to create a major national jazz festival with an educational philosophy. "We want to create an outstanding festival so that all high school jazz band programs around the country have a place to showcase their students' talent and hard work," says Joe Bongiovi, head of the National Jazz Festival Executive Committee and President of the New Jersey Association of Jazz Educators (NJAJE).

Passion and dedication to the development of youth through music is our driving force. For more information: email Amanda Kewley and Addie O'Beirne at nationaljazzfest@gmail.com
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