

Penncrest Jazz Night

Dear Jazz Band Director:

We would like to invite your jazz ensemble to be a part of **Penncrest Jazz Night** to be held on **Saturday March 10, 2018**. This is an independent show designed around making your band better, getting your students to enjoy it, and building connections within our jazz community. Some of the things we offer:

- The afternoon begins with all bands in the auditorium to experience a clinic by the Tony Deangelis Quintet: Playing And Listening As An Ensemble.
- We will then break out into sections for instrument-specific clinics led by Quintet members.
- Group Dinner: a variety of items will be available for your students to purchase, then sit down to a meal together and hopefully get to know some new people.
- The evening performances schedule is set up so your students can watch, learn from, and support as many bands from other schools as possible.
- Quintet members will provide recorded feedback as well as an on-stage clinic for your band.
- Recognition of your participation at the end of the night (but no ratings or scores!)
- Evening performances conclude with the Tony Deangelis Quintet.

This opportunity is open to high school and middle school big bands as well as jazz combos. You don't have to worry about the level of your group due to the non-competitive nature of the festival. Last year everyone brought their lab band and it was fabulous. Our clinicians and the experience in general will serve to make your kids better. We have space available for twelve bands.

Enclosed you will find further festival information. Please reply promptly to reserve your jazz band's place in this year's festival. You can mail in the form, email it to me, or register online at www.penncrestband.org/jazznight. Should you have any questions, our contact information is listed below. We look forward to seeing you on March 10th!

Sincerely,

Craig Snyder
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Penncrest High School
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610-627-6325

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Registration Fee

A registration fee of **\$125.00** per band will help us cover the additional costs incurred for the professional guest artists' clinic sessions and live performance. Checks should be made payable to **Penncrest Band** and mailed with your forms to **Penncrest Jazz Night 134 Barren Road Media PA 19063**

Group Clinics 3:30-4:30PM

The afternoon will begin in our auditorium, as students in all bands will experience a group clinic held by our guest artists. The clinic will focus on ensemble playing, listening, interpretation, and the roles of each player in the group. Questions are encouraged!

Instrument Section Clinics 4:45-5:30PM

Students will break out into separate instrument clinics of woodwind, brass, piano, bass and drums. The guest artists will work with the students on instrumental specific performance topics. Students should bring their instruments to this session.

Dinner!

Dinner will be served in our cafeteria. We will have a variety of food items including allergy and diet-specific offerings for purchase. If you have a student that has particular needs, please contact me in advance and we will do our best to accommodate. Snacks will be available throughout the evening at our snack table near the performance area.

Performance with Feedback

All bands will have a 20-minute time slot to perform on stage. This time includes set-up and exit time. Each band will receive recorded and written feedback from our professional guest artists. Each group will also receive a quality audio recording of their performance without comments.

On-Stage Clinic

Each band will experience a clinic immediately following their performance with our guest artists. The clinic will focus on your performance and highlight your group's strengths.

Guest Artist Performance

At the conclusion of the band's performances our guest artists will perform a set for the entire audience. This will be followed by the awards presentation.

Recognition

This is an educational, non-competitive event. Each band will receive recognition for its performance that evening.

Available Equipment

A professional sound engineer using the highest quality equipment will be present to provide sound for each bands evening performance. We will provide risers and an acoustic shell to enhance your on-stage sound. We have a new Steinway B for your use. If you need additional equipment, please indicate in the appropriate form. Bands should provide their own rhythm section equipment.

Tickets

Tickets for the event will be available at the door. Prices are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for student/senior citizens. If you would like tickets in advance, please contact me.

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Registration Form

THIS FORM MAY ALSO BE FILLED OUT AT www.penncrestband.org/JazzNight

Name of jazz band: _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Director's Name: _____

Director's Phone School: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Number of people traveling with you: _____

Number of buses _____ Equipment truck: _____

_____ Please reserve a place for my jazz band for Penncrest Jazz Night

_____ My registration fee of \$125.00 made payable to **Penncrest Band** is enclosed with this form

_____ My registration fee is being processed and will be sent shortly.

_____ My jazz band is unable to attend this year but please keep us on your mailing list
For future festivals.

**Return to: Penncrest Jazz Night
c/o Craig Snyder
134 Barren Road
Media, PA 19063**

Or Email: csnyder@rtmsd.org

Or Apply online: www.penncrestband.org/JazzNight