

COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY JAZZ ENSEMBLES AUDITIONS 2017-2018

Greetings and welcome to CSU Jazz! Please read the following information carefully prior to your audition.

The Schwob Jazz Orchestra is the flagship ensemble of the CSU Jazz Studies program, focusing on presenting the best in contemporary and classic big band music. This ensemble meets Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 – 2:00 PM and Friday from 1:00 – 1:50 PM.

The CSU Jazz Studies Program also offers several small jazz ensembles (combos) that focus on the development of the art of improvisation in a chamber environment. These ensembles meet once a week at a to be determined time based on student availability. Please indicate interest in being considered for one of the group when you play your jazz audition.

Your CSU Jazz Studies audition will be comprised of the following elements:

- 1) A short prepared excerpt from *Don't Get Sassy* by Thad Jones. Please perform this excerpt at the indicated tempo and in the indicated style. A recording for study is posted online. Drummers, please also prepare the following styles at various tempos: swing, Latin (bossa nova, samba, etc.), and rock.
- 2) A short sight-reading excerpt.
- 3) Optional improvisation (required for jazz combo auditions). Please prepare one of the following tunes, including performance of the melody and improvisation over the chord changes:
 - a. Billie's Bounce (Aebersold Vol. 6) [Posted online]
 - b. Oleo (Aebersold Vol. 65) [Posted online]
 - c. Airegin (Aebersold Vol. 8) [Posted online]

[All audition excerpts may be found online at: <https://music.columbusstate.edu/students/index.php>]

Audition Times

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017 - ROOM 1717

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Trumpets - w/ Dr. Robert Murray

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM: Trombones - w/ Dr. Bradley Palmer

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM: Rhythm Section (piano, guitar, bass, drums) - w/ Dr. Paul Vaillancourt

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2017 - ROOM 1717

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Saxophones - w/ Dr. Joe Girard

Please contact me if you have any questions, and I look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Sincerely,

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