Baylor Jazz Auditions

When: Saturday, August 18th
Time: Saxes 11:00
      Trumpets 12:00
      Trombones 1:00
      Rhythm Section (piano, guitar, bass and drums) 2:00

Audition Material: Prepared Excerpts
                   Sight Reading
                   Optional Improvisation

The audition will consist of prepared excerpts, sight-reading, and
improvisation on an F Concert Blues (improv is optional).

You do not need jazz ensemble experience to audition.
The audition material is posted online on the school of music website.
All auditions are in MMB 118. Please arrive at least five
minutes before your audition time.
The rhythm section will audition together at 2:00. Do not be late.
Any Questions? Please see Alex Parker in room MMB 294,
call at (254)710-4625 or email at Alex_Parker@baylor.edu.

Jazz Audition Material Instructions

All auditionees: Be ready to perform these excerpts. These are all
excerpts from tunes that the Jazz Ensemble will be performing this
year. If you can’t get these excerpts worked up to actual tempos,
play them at a tempo where you can be successful.

Improvisation is not required (but I’d love to hear you play). I just
need to hear who the bands’ soloists will be. If you have any
questions please contact me at Alex_Parker@baylor.edu or at 254-710-4625.
Saxophonists: Audition on the instrument that you would like to play in the ensembles. If this is not feasible because you do not have an instrument, audition on the instrument that you feel most comfortable playing.

Trombonists and Trumpeters: If you are interested in playing the lead book in either band, audition on the extra lead part as well. You are not penalized for playing a section part at the audition. I just need to get the right person on lead. There is also separate bass bone audition music.

Rhythm Section Players: You will audition together as a rhythm section. You will play both selections. Get those changes and that walking bass line going. If this is difficult for you or new to you, do not shy away from auditioning. Do what you can. Also arrive 10 to 15 minutes before 2.

Drummers will need to play the following styles at various tempos:

- Fast Swing
- Bossa Nova
- Slow Swing (brushes)
- Rock/ Funk
- Samba
- Shuffle

Improvisation: We will improvise on these changes for the F blues so be ready to play them if you want to solo and to play as a section under other soloists:

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// F7   / Bb7   / F7   /   /
/ Bb7   /   / F7   / Am7 D7 /
/ Gm7   / C7   / F7   / Gm7 C7 //
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Good Luck and I’ll see you on the 18th.
(Open Piano Solo - SKIPS. ON CUE LAST EX'S)
CONTINUE SOLO W/RHYTHM SECTION

OPEN Bb9 G7Alt Cmin7 F7Alt Last X Bb9 G7Alt Cmin7 F7Alt

Bbmaj7 Cmin7 Cmin7 F7Alt Bb9 G7Alt Gmin7 C7Alt Fmin7 Bb7Alt Eb9