

WELCOME & AUDITION INFORMATION

Welcome to the UM Jazz Program! We are excited to have you be a part of the all the wonderful experiences provided by one of the most vibrant jazz programs in the Northwest. The UM Jazz Program has 3 Big Bands along with 6-7 Small Groups including a Commercial Music Group so there is a place for you no matter what level or experience. Give it a Try!

Some of the 2023-24 opportunities include the UM/Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival, frequent guest artists, Holiday Swing, 2024 summer tour to either Europe or New Zealand the UM Jazz Artist Series, Small Group Performances, Recordings and Su and many more exciting concerts and experiences throughout the year.

Please sign up for Jazz Placement outside Room 111 **BEFORE AUGUST 25**TH. If you need a hard copy of the placement materials, please go online to print or you can contact me at Robert.tapper@umontana.edu.

There is a MANDATORY meeting for ALL Jazz Participants on MONDAY, AUGUST 28TH @1pm in Music Building Room 1 to answer questions and discuss the year! PLEASE SIGN UP FOR YOUR AUDITION OUTSIDE OF ROOM 201 BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH.

If you have any questions about auditions, the program or the School of Music, please don't hesitate to contact me. Here we go!

Looking forward,

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The University of Montana Jazz Program

JAZZ PLACEMENT

REQUIRED INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Monday, August 28

1:00pm - ALL Participants- Music Building Room 1

BIG BAND PLACEMENT

Tuesday, August 29

1:00pm-TROMBONE

6:15pm - SAXOPHONE

Wednesday, August 30

1:00pm- TRUMPET 6:15pm- RHYTHM SECTION I (DRUM SET/VIBES)

Thursday, August 31

1:00pm - RHYTHM SECTION II (BASS/PIANO/GUITAR)

SMALL GROUP PLACEMENT

Friday, September 1

1:00pm - SMALL GROUPS

*for new members not auditioning for big bands

IF YOU CAN NOT MAKE THESE TIMES OR HAVE QUESTIONS
PLEASE SEE JOHAN ERIKSSON ASAP AT johan.eriksson@mso.umt.edu

The University of Montana Jazz Program **BIG BAND AUDITIONS**

Horns (**sax**, **trumpet**, **trombone**) should prepare all 'like' instrument parts. (*Example*: Tenor should prepare both tenor parts, trombones prepare all parts, etc.). *Find recordings of the music!*

SAXOPHONES: (Try as many different parts as possible)

<u>In a Mellow Tone</u> – Measure 39-73 (Quarter note = 140)

Au Privave (head) - Play in comfortable octave =

<u>Improvisation</u> - Bb Blues (concert)

Sight Reading

**If needed: Solo/Transcription - Your Choice no more than 2 minutes

TRUMPETS: (Try as many different parts as possible)

In a Mellow Tone - Measure 88-116 (Quarter note = 140)

<u>Au Privave</u> (head) - Play in comfortable octave

*Improvisation - Bb Blues (concert)

Sight Reading – short excerpt provided at the audition

**If needed: Solo/Transcription - Your Choice no more than 2 minutes

TROMBONES: (Try as many different parts as possible)

Take the A Trane - Measure 5 - (32 Quarter note = 160)

Au Privave (head) - Play in comfortable octave

*Improvisation - Bb Blues (concert)

Sight Reading – short excerpt provided at the audition

**If needed: Solo/Transcription - Your Choice no more than 2 minutes

BASS, PIANO, GUITAR, VIBES

Sea Changes – Beginning to measure 53 (Quarter note = 130-150)

Au Privave (head) - Play in comfortable octave

*Improvisation - Bb Blues

*Voicings/Comping - Bb Blues

Sight Reading - short excerpt provided at the audition

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DRUM SET

<u>Sea Changes</u> – Beginning to measure 53 (Quarter note = 130-150)

Styles/Trading - See Separate Styles Sheet

Sight Reading – short excerpt provided at the audition

**If needed: Solo/Transcription - Your Choice no more than 2 minutes

Looking forward to hearing you!



JAZZ SMALL GROUP Auditions & Placement

*RETURNING MEMBERS - <u>Please Sign Up!</u>
**Musicians auditioning for Big Bands DO
NOT Audition

AUDITIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY

Please Sign Up Outside Room 201!

AUDITIONS - FRIDAY, SEPT. 1@ 1PM

Please be ready to *play ONE of the following tunes*AND a BLUES HEAD (listed below) from memory

A Train
Blue Bossa
Recordame
There will Never Be Another You

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
PLEASE SEE
JOHAN ERIKSSON in Room 201
Johan.Eriksson@mso.umt.edu

Tenor San / Tomoss

By Charlie Parker

VERVE 8010/MGM 4949/VERV





TRUMPET 2 / "IN A MELLOW TONE" PG. 3.





