

2023 Jazz Ensemble Auditions

Submission Deadline: Wed., Sept. 6, 2023

All Jazz Ensemble auditions will be by audio or video submission. Rehearsals begin the week of Sept 11. The purpose of the audition is to group you with musicians with a similar level of experience. Don't worry about playing 6 takes of your tune to achieve the "perfect take". Jazz isn't about perfection, it's about expression.

Wind, Piano, Guitar, and String players: Play a jazz tune of your choice. Play the head, then improvise over 1 or 2 choruses. Use a backing track if you wish (optional). Play a tune you're good at!

Bassists – Do the above, and demonstrate your ability to walk.

Drummers – Play 8 bars of: swing, bossa nova, and funk.

Vocalists – Sing a song you know. A jazz tune is best. But if you don't know any jazz tunes, sing something else.

Concert footage: If you have audio or video footage of yourself that demonstrates the above skills, feel free to submit that instead of the above requirements. Please specify the time on the song if necessary.

Non-Jazz musicians: If you don't know any jazz tunes but would like to join the Jazz Ensembles, please demonstrate your ability to improvise on your instrument, regardless of musical genre. If you don't know how to improvise at all, demonstrate your musicianship by performing a song you've mastered.

How to submit your audition audio or video - Deadline: Wed., Sept 6

Audio – Make sure it's a small file (voice memo, mp3, or AAC) and email it to Dan Paul, Director of the Jazz Ensembles: DPaul@sas.upenn.edu

Video – Youtube works well. For your own privacy you're advised to make it an "unlisted" video (rather than "public") so it can only be watched by someone who has the link.

Send the link to DPaul@sas.upenn.edu

Or, **upload** the video to Dan Paul's secure upload location:

<https://spaces.hightail.com/uplink/pianoman>

You can try other methods of submitting your video, but plan to fall back on the 2 above methods if necessary. No facebook, instagram, tiktok, etc.

If you have any questions, please contact Dan Paul:

DPaul@sas.upenn.edu

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