

## 2024 Jazz Ensemble Auditions

**Submission Deadline: Wed. Sept. 4, 2024**

All Jazz Ensemble auditions are by audio or video submission. 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 the tune to achieve the "perfect take". Jazz isn't about perfection - it's about expression. Rehearsals begin the week of Sept 9.

**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! See below if you'd rather submit concert footage.

**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 existing 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.

**Musicians with no jazz experience:** 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 4**

**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](mailto:DPaul@sas.upenn.edu)

**Video** – Send a Google Drive or Youtube link. If you use Youtube you're advised to make it an "unlisted" video (rather than "public") so it can only be watched by someone who has the link. This is for your own privacy. Send the link to [DPaul@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:DPaul@sas.upenn.edu)

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

If you have any questions, please contact Dan Paul:

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