Tips for Jazz Placement Auditions

Ensemble Placement Auditions for the MSM Jazz Arts Program will take place on September 3 and 4. All Jazz Performance majors will be sent emails with your audition times in late July. Please arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time; the auditions take ten minutes.

Attire: please wear Concert black.

This audition is for placement in combos and large ensembles. The large ensembles include Jazz Philharmonic, Jazz Orchestra, Concert Jazz Band, Afro Cuban Jazz Orchestra, and Chamber Jazz Ensemble. Prepare five standard tunes of various keys, tempos, and moods to be performed unaccompanied. You will be asked to play the melody from memory and improvise on the chord changes on one or two of the five tunes; you will also be asked to sight-read. The adjudicators may ask you perform additional selections.