

Welcome to the Jazz Arts Program at Manhattan School of Music Fall 2009

Here are a few important dates to note on your calendar. Please contact the Jazz Office at 917-493-4517, or e-mail screase@msmny.edu with any questions.

Friday, Aug. 21 9:00am–12:00pm **Jazz Required Piano**, Rooms 507, 509

Monday, Aug. 24 9:00am-1:00pm **Jazz Theory & Jazz Ear Training**, Rooms 511, 513

2:00-4:00pm **Jazz Music History**, Room 606

Tuesday, Aug. 25 1:00–5:00pm **Jazz Improvisation**, Rooms 511, 513

Tuesday, Sept. 1 2:00-6:00pm **Jazz Ensemble Placement Auditions**

Wednesday, Sept. 2

2:00-5:00pm **First Day of Classes**
Jazz Orientation Meetings, Room 610
2:00-2:30pm Drumset Majors
3:00 -4:00pm New Students Meeting
4:00-5:00pm All Jazz Students Meeting

Jazz Arts Program Placement Exam Information

Students should arrive at the beginning of each placement exam period to receive exam instructions and to sign up for individual evaluations.

Jazz Required Piano: Go to Room 507 at 9:00am to receive instruction and sign up for an individual evaluation.
Jazz pianists are NOT required to take this exam.

Jazz Theory and Ear Training

Undergraduates go to Room 511 and Graduates go to Room 513 at 9:00am to complete a written theory test. This will be followed by individual ear training evaluations. Undergrads are encouraged to review *Music in Theory and Practice* (Volumes 1 and 2) by Bruce Benward to prepare for the

theory test. All students are encouraged to practice sight-singing and as well as intervallic, melodic, and harmonic dictation to prepare for the ear-training evaluation

Jazz History

Go to Room 606 at 2:00pm for this exam, which takes an hour and a half to complete.

This exam is for Masters and Transfer students only. Incoming freshman do not take this exam.

We recommend that students study a general jazz history text (i.e. *A New History of Jazz* by Alyn Shipton).

We also recommend that students study recordings, such as the Smithsonian Collection of Classic Jazz.

Jazz Improvisation

Go to Room 511 at 1:00pm to receive instruction and sign up for an individual evaluation. Please bring your instrument.

Jazz Ensemble Placement Auditions

These auditions are mandatory for all jazz students. They determine jazz students' placement for small combos, as well as for the Jazz Arts Program's large ensembles: Jazz Orchestra, Concert Jazz Band, Afro-Cuban Jazz Orchestra, Chamber Jazz Ensemble, and Jazz Philharmonic. You will receive an email in August with your audition room/time.

Please read the following page on the school's website for policies regarding these exams:

http://www.msmnyc.edu/accepted/registration_information.asp

We look forward to meeting you in the fall!

Sincerely,
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