Dear Jazz Band Director,

We are glad that your band is able to participate in Jazz Summit 2018. Elsewhere on the Jazz Summit web page, you will find check-in and load-in procedures and information about souvenir photos. If you requested concert tickets, you may pick them up at the check-in desk when you submit your repertoire sheet. Please visit www.coe.edu/JazzSummit for the repertoire sheet, a copy of the performance center schedules, as well as maps to find your performance center and parking information.

The repertoire sheet must be filled out and presented to the performance site host upon beginning your set-up. Please be sure to fill in soloists' names so they can be nominated for outstanding soloist awards. Also on the web page is a sample copy of the sheets the judges will be using to assess each band. Please note the various criteria to be considered.

There are numerous places to eat within walking distance. A map detailing various nearby restaurants will be available upon check-in. Coe’s food service will again be offering all-you-can-eat lunches for $6.50 in the food court in Gage Memorial Union. Please plan ahead for this option as Food Services requests that each school eating on campus pay as a group to minimize time spent in line.

Be sure you plan to attend the Grand Finale Concert, which begins at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24, in Sinclair Auditorium. Please note this early start time will allow you to attend the concert and awards ceremony, and you will be on the road shortly after 8:00! The concert will feature the Coe College Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Steve Shanley, with guest artist Jarrard Harris. Plaques, judges’ comment sheets, and solo awards will be distributed after the concert. If you cannot attend the concert, please have a representative from your school there to accept your materials. Complimentary tickets are available for participants – email wcarson@coe.edu.

To insure the confidentiality of scores until the Grand Finale Concert, we will not be able to release judges’ comments until then. If you are unable to attend the concert, your judges’ comments will be mailed on Monday, Feb. 26, through 2-day priority mail. We will also email you the results on Sunday, Feb. 25, and post them at www.coe.edu/JazzSummit. Because of our dedication to supporting music education, we wish to encourage all the participating bands, and minimize the likelihood that a director will be criticized for a low placement in the competition. For this reason, no rankings after third place will be made public, and no detailed summaries of scores are made available.

We hope that you will encourage your students to listen to the performances of other bands in Sinclair Auditorium, Daehler-Kitchin Auditorium, the Multi-Purpose Rehearsal Room (Marquis Hall, Room 1), and Dows Theater. They will benefit greatly from the exposure to repertoire in the performances and from the comments of the professional musicians and educators in the clinic sessions.

We look forward to welcoming your band at this year’s Coe College Jazz Summit. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to e-mail us (addresses below) or call the music office at (319) 399-8521. Good luck!

Sincerely,

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