

Liberty Jazz Festival

Location: Liberty High School is located at 1400 S. Dubuque St. in North Liberty. I-80 exit 244 and I-380 exit 4 provide the best access. Review the map for where to enter the school.

Arrival: For this year's Festival 2023 **please enter through the main entrance with equipment.** Busses will be able to park on site this year, and in 2023, anywhere they want since we don't have classes that day. Please review the maps for instruction. You are encouraged to arrive earlier (and stay later!) and listen to other bands.

Information for parents of participants: Spectators are certainly allowed and encouraged for performances. Admission to our festival is \$5 per person. We will most likely have a livestream for performances in Center 2 (jr. high and 2nd Bands). A full video for groups performing in Center 1 will be sent within 3 days of the performance for you to share with students and families.

Restrooms: The restrooms are located in the center of the school, but you may prefer that students arrive in their performance attire to avoid unnecessary congestion in the restrooms.

Concessions: We will be operating a concession stand throughout the day. Directors please respond to the future email form about dining on that day to help our volunteers have enough food on hand.

Equipment: When you arrive at the school, you will head towards the gym which serves as the shared gathering area for all the bands and equipment. Please be aware that the gym will be shared with the other bands. You will need to pack your cases and other equipment in tightly to accommodate all the bands. Please label all equipment with the school name, so that there is no confusion about ownership of similar-looking instruments.

- For performances in Center 1: You must bring your own drumset and amps. The only equipment available on stage will be a drum rug, piano, vibes, chairs, stands.
- For performances in Center 2: chairs, stands, a complete drumset, piano, guitar amp, bass amp, and vibes will be provided (if you want to bring your own cymbals, you may).

Supervision: Please keep an eye on your students. Our school is very excited share the facilities and they have been very supportive. For this festival to continue, we must have chaperones and other responsible parties with your students at all times, a minimum number of 3 chaperones per ensemble is recommended.

Warm-Up, Performance, and Clinic:

For performances in Center 1: there will be a warm-up room in the choir room near the auditorium, you will have approximately 30 minutes for warm-up, there are bathrooms immediately outside the choir room. A volunteer will collect your soloist sheets and set-up sheets during the warm up.

For performances in Center 2: bands will have 50 minutes to set up, warm up, tune, present your performance, and receive a clinic from one of the judges. You may divide this time however you see fit. Just a reminder: the more time you spend in setup and warm-up, the less time you will have with your clinician. If you want more time with a clinician, please consider playing 3 charts and a 10-15 minute warm up.

Conductor's scores are not required for the judges. The adjudicators will listen to your performance and make comments, in writing and on digital voice recorders. The adjudicators will rank your performance (unless you have requested comments only) compared to the other bands in your classification, using the adjudication form.

Solo awards: Judges will select one outstanding soloist in each classification. Only soloists in competing bands are eligible for the outstanding soloist award. Outstanding soloists will be awarded a plaque.

Microphones:

- Center 1: There will be 2 large diaphragm microphones to capture the wind instruments (front of stage and not to be moved) 1 piano microphone and 3 solo microphones which can be moved if needed.
- Center 2: There will be 1 microphone on the acoustic upright piano and 3 microphones available for soloists. There will not be anyone actively operating the sound board. You are welcome to have someone operate the mixing board.

After the Clinic: All equipment belonging to your band must be removed by the end of your scheduled time so that the following band can begin its setup on time. Cases may be stored in the auxiliary gym. Please plan to attend the performances of the remaining jazz ensembles. Groups who are “Comments Only” in Center 2 will be able to pick up roughly 30 mins after their performance.

Awards: The final rankings from Center 1 will be announced during the award ceremony at approximately 1:00pm for Class 3A and approximately 6:15pm for Class 4A and Second Bands. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in classes 3A, 4A, and Second Bands. No rankings beyond 3rd place will be made public. Comment sheets will be distributed after awards.

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Center 1 – Auditorium

Judges:

Steve Grismore, Mike Giles, Blake Shaw

Warm up Start	Warm Up End	Performance	Band	Class
7:25	7:55	8:00	Clear Creek Amana Jazz One	3A
7:55	8:30	8:35	Mt. Vernon Swingin' Stangs	3A
8:30	9:05	9:10	Xavier Jazz One	3A
9:05	9:40	9:45	Williamsburg Jazz Outlet	3A
9:40	10:15	10:20	Anamosa Jazz One	3A
10:15	10:50	10:55	Independence Jazz Orchestra	3A
10:50	11:25	11:30	Centerville Jazz One	3A
Break				
12:05	12:35	12:40	Harlan Jazz Experience	3A
12:40	1:10	1:15	Center Point Urbana	3A
2:00 3A Awards				
1:30	2:00	2:05	Bettendorf Jazz Ensemble	4A
2:05	2:35	2:40	Muscatine Jazz Ensemble	4A
2:40	3:10	3:15	Iowa City West Jazz Ensemble	4A
3:15	3:45	3:50	Washington Revolutionists	4A
4:25pm 5 minute Judges Break				
3:55	4:25	4:30	Prairie Jazz Band One	4A
4:30	5:00	5:05	City High Jazz Ensemble	4A
5:05	5:35	5:40	Linn-Mar Colton Center Jazz Ensemble	4A
6:15pm 2nd Band and 4A Awards				

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Center 2 - Band Room

Judges: Eric Bush, Craig Aune

Start Time	Band	Class
8:00	Williamsburg Jazz Input	2nd Bands
8:55	North Mahaska	CO
9:45	Howar Middle School Jazz Band	CO
10:35	Harlan Jazz Ensemble	2nd Bands
11:25	Central DeWitt Middle School Jazz Band	CO
	Break	
12:40	Independence Jazz Ensemble	2nd Bands
1:30	Iowa City West Symphonic Jazz Band	2nd Bands
2:20	City High Jazz Collective	2nd Bands
3:15	Bettendorf Jazz 2	2nd Bands
4:10	Linn-Mar Jazz Collective	2nd Bands
5:05	CR Washington Jazz Also	CO