



**77<sup>th</sup> Season: 2024-2025**

**JAZZ ARTS ORCHESTRA**

AND

**JAZZ REPERTORY ORCHESTRA**

**Audition & Season Information**

**AUDITION VIDEOS DUE**

**Sunday, December 1, 2024**



## About the Jazz Arts Orchestra (JAO)

In January 2008 CKYO adopted the former Jazz Arts Foundation Youth Ensemble, adding big-band jazz to our highly successful classical orchestras. The Jazz Arts Orchestra (JAO) rehearses one night a week and is comprised of the standard big band instrumentation: alto, tenor, and baritone saxophones, trombones, trumpets, and a full rhythm section featuring drums, bass, guitar, and piano. University of Kentucky Professor Raleigh Dailey leads the CKYO Jazz Arts Orchestra. The Jazz Arts Orchestra will accept up to the following for each instrument: 2 Alto, 2 tenor, 1 bari, 4 trumpets, 4-5 trombones (including bass), piano, guitar, bass, drumset).

**Rehearsals:** Tuesdays from 7:15 – 9:00pm, beginning January 6, 2024 – May 13, 2025

**Location:** St. Luke Church (2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington)

**Tuition:** \$260 for the semester + fundraising or \$75 cash opt out (Due January 31, 2025)  
*Monthly payment plans available; Financial assistance available via application*

### **Performances:**

- Sunday, January 26, 2025: Harstad Fine Arts Concert @ Faith Lutheran
  - 3:00pm Concert / Sound check (TBD)
- Sunday, February 16, 2025: CKYO Teen Arts Festival @ Singletary Center
  - 5:00pm Concert / Sound check 2:45pm
- Tuesday May 20, 2025: CKYO Jazz Live! Final Concert @ Singletary Center
  - 7:30pm Concert / Sound check 5:00pm

## About the Jazz Repertory Orchestra (JRO)

The Jazz Repertory Orchestra (JRO) is an ensemble open to middle and high school students who are interested in participating in a select Jazz Ensemble but have less experience than students qualifying for the JAO. University of Kentucky Professor Raleigh Dailey leads the CKYO Jazz Repertory Orchestra. The Jazz Repertory Orchestra will accept a larger number of instruments and focuses on exploring improvisation and building jazz skills for the participants.

**Rehearsals:** Tuesdays from 5:30 – 7:00pm, beginning January 6, 2024 – May 13, 2025

**Location:** St. Luke Church (2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington)

**Tuition:** \$245 for the semester + fundraising or \$75 cash opt out (Due January 31, 2025)  
*Monthly payment plans available; Financial assistance available via application*

### **Performances:**

- Sunday, February 16, 2025: CKYO Teen Arts Festival @ Singletary Center
  - 5:00pm Concert / Sound check 2:45pm
- Tuesday May 20, 2025: CKYO Jazz Live! Final Concert @ Singletary Center
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# CKYO Jazz Ensembles 2025

## Audition Rules and Requirements

1. **WHO MUST COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FOR A JAZZ ENSEMBLE AUDITION and submit a video audition:**
  - a. All students who are interested in participating in the Jazz Arts Orchestra (even if you were a member of JAO last season) must audition each season;
  - b. All students who are interested in participating in Jazz Repertory Orchestra (JRO) who did not participate last season.
  - c. If you were a member of **Jazz Repertory Orchestra (JRO)** in spring 2024 and **want to continue to participate in Jazz Repertory Orchestra (JRO)** in spring 2025(i.e. do not wish to audition or be considered for Jazz Arts Orchestra (JAO) spring 2025), you do NOT need to audition. Instead, please [complete this JRO Registration Form](#) (instead of submitting an audition application) by Sunday, December 1, 2024.
2. **WHAT to PREPARE for the AUDITION:**
  - a. 1 solo (jazz style preferred), you can also play parts of more than one solo, should be approx 3-5 minutes of music; You are welcome to play over a backing track, but make sure it can be heard in the video.
  - b. 12 keys of major scales and a chromatic scale through your range (all instruments except drumset, if you're auditioning on mallets – please play the scales;
  - c. Improvisation to a backing track provided by CKYO in Bb (click [HERE](#) for the track, play along for three or four choruses – no need to play the whole thing.)
3. **SUBMIT your AUDITION:**
  - a. Prepare your audition, record your video, post to YouTube and submit the video link to us via the CKYO Jazz Ensemble Audition Application by Sunday, December 1, 2024.
  - b. Video recording/posting instructions are available here
    - i. <https://www.ckyo.org/video-instructions>
  - c. When your video is complete, Submit your video here:
    - i. <https://form.jotform.com/242826630120144>
  - d. There is a \$15 audition fee per student, per instrument (if a student is auditioning on more than one instrument). If you need assistance with the audition fee, please be in touch with us at [ckyo@ckyo.org](mailto:ckyo@ckyo.org).
4. Results of the auditions will be **emailed** to all who auditioned no later than Monday, December 23, 2024. Registration will be due Wednesday, January 1 and rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, January 6th, 2025.

**Please NOTE: CKYOs SCHOOL and PRIVATE LESSON PARTICIPATION:** It is CKYO's policy that all members are participating in their school band or orchestra program (if available at their enrolled school) and are enrolled in regular private lessons on their instrument while participating in CKYO. Students are not required to fulfill these requirements in advance of being accepted into an ensemble, but must fulfill the requirements while participating in and rehearsing with a CKYO ensemble. CKYO remains committed to and supportive of school music programs and the artists in our community who teach privately and feel they continue to be one of our greatest assets to each students' musical success. **PLEASE UNDERSTAND THIS REQUIREMENT BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR AUDITION.** There will be no exceptions to this policy. Students who are not in compliance will not be able to participate in CKYO's program.

**SCAN THE QR CODE for the WEBSITE with links to record and submit your audition video!**

