Portsmouth HS Jazz Ensemble

Audition Information



DRUMS 2015

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Thank you for being interested in auditioning for this years' 2015-2016 Jazz Ensemble. A couple of things you need to be aware of regarding this year's jazz band. Please look this over carefully as



these key points are very important to our ensemble. If you foresee any reason (see below) that you will not be able to fulfill your duties as being a member of our jazz band, please reconsider auditioning.

- 1. Jazz Ensemble rehearses Wednesday evenings from 6:00 8:30 pm
- 2. We have three major Jazz festivals this school year:

Rhode Island State Jazz Festival (URI) – Saturday, January 16, 2016 Berklee Jazz Festival – February 6, 2016 (All day) Somerset Jazz Festival – Wednesday, March 2, 2016 (date is tentative)

- 3. In addition to the above dates we are also performing for our school Winter and Spring concerts.
- 4. All students need to audition each year, regardless of placement in ensemble last year.
- 5. Please look ahead at your own personal schedule for the spring. Those students who are involved in spring sports may have to balance their schedule more carefully.

AUDITION DATES:

- 1. Wednesday, September 15 (2:15 3:30). All wind players will need to sign up ahead of time for an audition time slot.
- 2. Thursday, September 16 (2:15 3:30). This is for rhythm section. I invite ALL wind players who auditioned on Wednesday to come and play.

AUDITION MUSIC:

ALL WIND PLAYERS will play (Saxophones, Trombones, Trumpets):

- 1. Jazz Etude 3
- 2. Alright, Ok, You Win
- 3. Brother Ray

ALL RHYTHM SECTION players will play:

- 1. Alright, Okay, You Win
- 2. Brother Ray
- 3. City Slicker

RHYTHM SECTION

- Prepare the following selections (Guitar, Bass, Piano, Drums):
 - 1. Alright, Okay, You Win
 - 2. Brother Ray
 - 3. City Slicker

*Practice with recordings. You will be playing these tunes with full band accompaniment

Drums:

- Prepare Alright, Okay, Brother Ray, and City Slicker.
- Be able to play the following styles: Swing, Rock, Funk, Samba
- You may prepare your own piece in addition to the above. Although soloing/drum filling is not necessary, it is preferred.

Guitar:

- You have the option of playing an improvised solo during Alright, Okay, You Win (measure 56-75)
- You may prepare your own solo piece in addition to the above

Piano:

- You have the option of playing an improvised solo during Alright, Okay, You Win (measure 56-75)
- You may prepare your own solo piece in addition to the above.

Bass:

- Prepare Alright, Okay, You Win,/Brother Ray/City Slicker
- You may prepare your own solo piece in addition to the above

ALRIGHT, OKAY, YOU WIN

Words and Music by SID WYCHE and MAYME WATTS Arranged by SAMMY NESTICO





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