

Cardinal Jazz Orchestra FAQs.

For all jazz members and potential members of the Cardinal Jazz Orchestra, I want to try to anticipate some questions you may have about the ensemble this year. We face some new and unexpected challenges, but I believe there is still the opportunity to make some great music, learn some important skills, and have some fun. The most important thing to keep in mind is that we will all need to be FLEXIBLE as we navigate through uncharted waters this semester.

Q. Will LCJO meet as before?

A. Yes. The plan is to meet F2F in the Wiley Band Hall (room 100) at the regular time – 11:30-12:25 MWF.

Q. How will we social distance?

A. Your health (and mine) are a top priority. An entrance and exit plan and adequate time between classes for the room air to exchange has already been established by the department. As far as setup, we will use a pre-marked box shape with which will mean that you will be six feet apart from the students on your left and right and 25-30 apart from the students in front of you. No one will be behind you. We will also wear masks when not playing.

Q. Will we perform?

A. YES! We have been asked to perform at least one concert during the semester. When and how that will happen is not yet been completely decided. Most likely it will be live streamed from Rothwell Recital with a small audience in attendance.

Q. Will we have guest artists?

A. YES! Depending on our budget, we will be able to invite guest artists to address the class and even participate in our concert at a greatly reduced cost if they are appearing online. My hope is to be able to have several guest speakers visit us online during the semester. Ideally we would have a prominent player of each instrument visit the class during the year.

Q. Will there be a Jimmy Simmons Jazz Festival?

A. YES! Depending on the progress in resolving the current health crisis, we will have a virtual or live festival. At present I am planning for a virtual festival. This would mean that participating bands would perform from their home location and would be judged by an all-star panel online. The festival would also include clinics and a performance by the LCJO.

Q. Will there still be a scholarship for participating in the LCJO?

A. YES! All undergraduate students enrolled in MULB 1078 will receive a minimum of \$400 per semester.

Q. How do I audition?

A. Audition information can be found on [here](#).