

From your Guest Conductor:

Congratulations on being selected as a member of the VT District Jazz Ensemble. It is an honor to be selected for this fine group and I look forward to working with you in February.

It is very important that you come well-prepared. Please practice all the music thoroughly, and ask your band directors and private instructors for their input. Remember... once you get to the rehearsals, there is no time to practice before the performance. We will be using our limited time together to fine-tune the presentation.

Listening is also a critical and enjoyable part of preparation. I have created a special page on my website for you, with links to recordings of the pieces I selected for us.

Here is the URL:

<http://www.earlmacdonald.com/vt/>

Have fun practicing, and see you in February!

Sincerely,
Earl MacDonald
Jazz Ensemble Director,
Professor of Jazz Studies,
University of Connecticut

From your Band Manager:

Hello Musicians – Thanks so much for playing in this band – we’ll have a great time and make some fantastic music together. Please do these parts due diligence so that you are well prepared for the festival. The rehearsal schedule is dense – pace yourself and make sure your chops are ready to go.

Dress for the concert is black pants/skirt and white shirt. Come to the festival with a bag lunch, pencils, water, and any music gear you require. Email me any time with questions about your parts or about the festival in general. I’m looking forward to seeing you all in early February!

Friday 2/2

9-9:45: Students Register
9:45: General Meeting
10:00-12:00: Rehearsal
12:00-1:00: Lunch
1:00-4:00: Rehearsal

Saturday 2/3

9:00-12:00: Rehearsal
12:00-1:00: Lunch
1:00-3:00 Dress Rehearsals
4:00 Concert

Regards,
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