

Greater St. Louis Jazz Festival 2018

The University of Missouri-St. Louis Department of Music invites you to participate in the 2018 Greater St. Louis Jazz Festival. This year's guest artists include **Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band** and the **University of North Texas One O'clock Lab Band**.

On **Wednesday, April 18**, combos will perform at **The Dark Room @ the Grandel** in Grand Center. The clinicians will coach your group in the aspects of combo performance, performance practices, and improvisation.

Big Band performances will take place on **Thursday, April 19, Friday, April 20, and Saturday, April 21** in the Anheuser Busch Performance Hall of the Banche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center. Following your band's performance, one of our clinicians will accompany your band to the Lee Theater for a clinic session.

On Thursday evening, April 19, we are proud to present the **Hermon Mehari Quartet** at the Dark Room @ the Grandel. Performance time will be 7:30 p.m.

On Friday evening, April 20, we are proud to present the **University of North Texas One O'clock Lab Band under the direction of Alan Baylock, and the University of Missouri-St. Louis Jazz Ensemble directed by Jim Widner**. The evening concert on Saturday, April 21 will once again feature the **University of Missouri-St. Louis Jazz Ensemble and Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band**. Concert times will be 8:00 p.m. on both nights. Complimentary tickets for the Friday and Saturday night concerts are available for your band, and must be reserved by April 6 through Emily Horsford at the Touhill box office: 314.516.4940

A maximum of 54 big bands and 10 combos will be accepted for the festival. Date and time of receipt of application will determine band and combo performance schedules. Be sure to indicate your preferred days for your big band performances. We will make every effort to accommodate your request. A waiting list will be activated once the festival schedule is full. Bands will then be accepted if openings occur. The festival fee is \$395 for each big band, and \$250 for each combo. **All applications must be submitted electronically by visiting the music department website, music.umsl.edu.** The application deadline is March 30, 2018, and payment or school P.O. must be received by April 13, 2018. A printable invoice is available on the application portion of the website. Performance dates and times will be sent via email as soon as possible following the application deadlines. All performance times will be posted to the website.

For your convenience, the St. Louis Airport Marriott has been designated as the official jazz festival hotel with special festival rates available. The hotel is located across from Lambert International Airport, approximately 10 minutes from the UMSL campus. The Marriott is at 10700 Pear Tree Ln. For reservations, please contact Anna Rask at arask@lhmchotels.com or 314.824.1620. Make sure to let them know this is for the UMSL Greater St. Louis Jazz Festival. Deadline for the Jazz festival rate is March 31. We hope you will be able to join us.

Sincerely,
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