

## Greater St. Louis Jazz Festival 2016

The University of Missouri-St. Louis, in association with the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center and Jazz St. Louis invite you to participate in the 2016 Greater St. Louis Jazz Festival. This year's guest artists include the **John Pizzarelli Quartet and the M.F. All Star Band "Celebrating the Music of Maynard Ferguson"**, featuring **Wayne Bergeron, Frank Green, Steve Wiest, Denis DiBlasio, Stockton Helbing and others**.

On **Friday, April 22**, combos will perform; location TBA. 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 21, Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23** 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 Friday evening, April 22, we are proud to present the University of Missouri-St. Louis Jazz Ensemble directed by Jim Widner, and our guest artist, the **John Pizzarelli Quartet**. The evening concert on Saturday, April 23, will once again feature the UMSL Jazz Ensemble and the **M.F. All Star Band "Celebrating the Music of Maynard Ferguson"**, featuring **Wayne Bergeron, Frank Green, Steve Wiest, Denis DiBlasio, Stockton Helbing and others**. 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 in advance through Emily Horsford at the Touhill box office: 314.516.4940

A maximum of 48 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 our website [www.gsljazzfest.com](http://www.gsljazzfest.com). The application deadline is March 31, 2015, and payment or school P.O. must be received by April 11, 2015. 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 Hilton and St. Louis Airport Drury Inn have been designated as the official jazz festival hotels with special festival rates available. Both hotels are located across from Lambert International Airport, approximately 10 minutes from the UMSL campus. The Hilton is at 10330 Natural Bridge Rd. For reservations, please contact Emily Landis at [elandis@lhmchotels.com](mailto:elandis@lhmchotels.com) or 314.253.5254. The Drury Inn is at 10490 Natural Bridge Rd. Please contact Brittany Nelson at 888.368.3494 or [brittany.nelson@druryhotels.com](mailto:brittany.nelson@druryhotels.com) to make your reservations. Make sure to let them know this is for the UMSL Greater St. Louis Jazz Festival. We hope you will be able to join us.

Sincerely,  
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