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Dear Instrumentalist,

Congratulations! Your director has recommended you for an audition to the 2019 Alberta Jazz Ensemble! The Alberta Jazz Ensemble (AJE) is Alberta's annual honour jazz band for outstanding high school aged instrumentalists. This ensemble demands a high standard of musicianship and ability; your director's recommendation speaks very highly of your talent and musical achievements.

The Alberta Jazz Ensemble brings together some of Alberta's most accomplished young instrumentalists to perform under the direction of a renowned jazz educator. This year, AJE will be directed by Gordon Foote, professor in the Jazz Studies Program of the Faculty of Music at the University of Toronto. Through the AJE experience you will grow as a musician, develop your leadership skills, meet other talented young instrumentalists, and perform a diverse and challenging program of music. The ensemble will be featured at Music Conference Alberta in Calgary.

Admission to the Alberta Jazz Ensemble is by recorded audition. The audition is made up of four parts including playing a chromatic scale, playing a jazz standard (a list of standards and charts will be provided), improvisation, and a brief questionnaire. You will submit your audition materials online - nothing is mailed in. All audition materials must be submitted by Friday, May 24, 2019.

A jury will review auditions and announce the roster for AJE 2019 in June. Instrumentalists will be required to commit to a rehearsal weekend in Red Deer in September and a residency in Calgary at the end of October. Participation in all rehearsals and performances is mandatory. The fee for instrumentalists is \$175, payable after official acceptance into the ensemble.

By completing and returning the attached Intention to Audition Form to your director/teacher, you are expressing your interest in auditioning for AJE 2019. Returning the form does not obligate you to audition, nor does it ensure your acceptance into the ensemble. Once the form has been received, an audition packet will be emailed directly to you.

More information about the Alberta Jazz Ensemble can be found on the Alberta Band Association website at www.albertabands.com Should you have any questions about AJE, please don't hesitate to contact our office using info@albertabandassociation.com or 780-800-0482 x101.

We look forward to receiving your audition!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kimberley Denis', is placed over a light blue rectangular background.

Kimberley Denis, MMus, BMus, BComm
Managing Director
Alberta Band Association



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INTENTION TO AUDITION

By completing and submitting this form, I am acknowledging that I have been recommended for an audition to the 2019 Alberta Jazz Ensemble and am indicating that I plan to submit an audition before the deadline of May 24, 2019.

SECTION 1 – TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL INSTRUMENTALISTS

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ DATE OF BIRTH (YYYY MMM DD): _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

INSTRUMENT: _____

INSTRUMENTALIST SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

SECTION 2 – TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF INSTRUMENTALISTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Please submit this form to your recommending director no later than the deadline they have set for you. After the form has been submitted, you will receive an AJE audition packet by email. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Alberta Band Association office at 780-800-0482 x101 or info@albertabandassociation.com. Thank you!