

LET MY CHILDREN HEAR MUSIC THE CHARLES MINGUS INSTITUTE



CHARLES MINGUS HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION & FESTIVAL Friday, February 12 - Monday, February 15, 2016

HIGH SCHOOL FINALISTS ANNOUNCED!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Sue Mingus and Let My Children Hear Music/The Charles Mingus Institute and Justin DiCioccio and the Manhattan School of Music announce finalists (see attached) and an exciting lineup for the Charles Mingus High School Competition and Festival weekend, February 12-15, 2016. Entries to this year's Competition include big bands and combos from all over the nation and show hard work and great dedication. The 2016 Festival will include events produced together with Manhattan School of Music as well as other events produced by Let My Children Hear Music. The Mingus Big Band will perform all weekend at Jazz Standard. On Sunday night, "outstanding soloists" from the Competition will have an opportunity to sit in with the band.

On Saturday a full day of clinics and workshops at the Manhattan School of Music (122nd Street & Broadway) will feature master classes for instruments and sections, lectures, films, and clinics that explore aspects of Mingus music, followed by a student Mingus jam. Prominent educators and musicians will participate in the clinics and adjudicate the Competition on Sunday.

Please note various locations for the other events taking place. All events are open to the public. More details to be announced at <http://www.CharlesMingus.org>

SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY, FEB 12-SUNDAY, FEB 14 MINGUS BIG BAND at Jazz Standard 116 E. 27th btw Park & Lex <http://jazzstandard.com>. Sets at 7:30pm/9:30pm. Fri & Sat third set at 11:30pm. Fri/Sat: \$30/\$15 students, Sunday \$25/\$12.50 students.

SATURDAY, FEB 13

-**FULL DAY OF CLINICS, MASTER CLASSES, AND JAMS** at Manhattan School of Music 122nd Street & Broadway <http://www.msmnyc.edu>. Free and open to the public.

SUNDAY, FEB 14

-**Mingus High School COMPETITION** at Manhattan School of Music. 122nd Street & Broadway. MSM Mingus group and Mingus Dynasty performs. Free and open to the public.

-**MINGUS BIG BAND** at Jazz Standard. Sets 7:30 & 9:30 with Outstanding Soloists from the Competition sitting in. \$25/\$12.50 students

MONDAY, FEB 15 MINGUS ORCHESTRA at Jazz Standard 116 E. 27th btw Park & Lex. Sets at 7:30/9:30. \$25/\$12.50 students

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2016 MINGUS HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION FINALISTS

The finalists (in alphabetical order by school) are:

BIG BAND CATEGORY

Esperanza High School Jazz I Ensemble, Anaheim, CA. Band Director: Bradley Davis
Lexington High School Jazz Ensemble, Lexington, MA. Band Director: Patrick Donaher
The Rivers Big Band, The Rivers School, Weston, MA. Band Director: Philippe Crettien

COMBO CATEGORY

Battle Ground High School Jazz Combo, Battle Ground, WA. Band Director: Greg McKelvey
Lexington High School Jazz Combo, Lexington, MA. Band Director: Patrick Donaher
Rio Americano High School Jazz Combo, Sacramento, CA. Band Director: Max Kiesner

BIG BAND CATEGORY - Specialized Schools and Programs

Jazz at Lincoln Center Youth Orchestra, New York, NY. Band Director: Vincent Gardner
Jazz House Big Band, Jazz House Kids. Montclair, NJ. Band Director: Julius Tolentino
Tulsa Jam'bassadors, Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame. Tulsa, OK. Band Director: Doug Styers

COMBO CATEGORY - Specialized Schools and Program

The Builders, Alan Jones Academy of Music, Portland, OR. Band Director: Alan Jones
Jazz Academy Blakey Ensemble, Jazz at Lincoln Center, New York, NY. Band Director: Jerome Jennings
Jazz House Organ Messengers, Jazz House Kids, Montclair, NJ. Band Director: Julius Tolentino

"You are guaranteed a great and profound experience when you perform music by this giant of jazz composition."

—Gunther Schuller, conductor/ Pulitzer Prize-winning composer/educator

"The deep study of this music has affected our lives. It's changed us as people and players."

—Jeffery Leonard, band director



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