

LET MY CHILDREN HEAR MUSIC THE CHARLES MINGUS INSTITUTE



CHARLES MINGUS HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION & FESTIVAL Friday, February 17 - Monday, February 20, 2017

HIGH SCHOOL FINALISTS ANNOUNCED!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 5, 2017 - New York, NY

Sue Mingus, Let My Children Hear Music/The Charles Mingus Institute and Manhattan School of Music announce finalists (see attached) and an exciting lineup for the Charles Mingus High School Competition and Festival weekend, February 17-20, 2017. Entries to this year's Competition include big bands and combos from all over the nation and showcase the results of their hard work and great dedication to the music. The 2017 Festival will include events presented 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, finalists will participate in a full day of 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 Saturday's clinics and adjudicate the Competition on Sunday. These events take place at the Manhattan School of Music (122nd Street & Broadway).

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

SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY, FEB 17-SUNDAY, FEB 19 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 18

-**FULL DAY OF CLINICS, MASTER CLASSES, AND JAMS** for Student Finalists at Manhattan School of Music 122nd Street & Broadway <http://www.msmnyc.edu>.

SUNDAY, FEB 19

-**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 20 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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2017 MINGUS HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION FINALISTS

The finalists are:

BIG BAND CATEGORY

Boston Latin High School Big Band, Boston, MA. Band Director: Paul J. Pitts
Lexington High School Jazz Ensemble, Lexington, MA. Band Director: Patrick Donaher
Medfield High School Jazz Band, Medfield, MA. Band Director: Douglas Olsen

COMBO CATEGORY

Berkeley High School Combo A, Battle Ground, WA. Band Director: Sarah Cline
Rio Americano High School Jazz Combo, Sacramento, CA. Band Director: Max Kiesner
Newark Academy Combo, Livingston, NJ. Band Director: Julius Tolentino

BIG BAND CATEGORY - Specialized Schools and Programs

Jazz at Lincoln Center Youth Studio Ensemble, New York, NY. Band Director: Kenny Rampton
Jazz House Big Band, Jazz House Kids. Montclair, NJ. Band Director: Julius Tolentino
The SFJAZZ High School All Stars Big Band, San Francisco, CA. Band Director: Paul Contos

COMBO CATEGORY - Specialized Schools and Program

Tulsa Jambassadors, Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame, Tulsa, OK. Band Director: Doug Styers
High School All Stars Combo, SFJAZZ, San Francisco, CA. Band Director: Dann Zinn
Jazz House Ambassadors, Jazz House Kids, Montclair, NJ. Band Director: Mike Lee

“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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