

LET MY CHILDREN HEAR MUSIC THE CHARLES MINGUS INSTITUTE

CHARLES MINGUS

HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION & FESTIVAL

Friday, February 15 - Monday, February 18, 2019

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Sue Mingus & Let My Children Hear Music/The Charles Mingus Institute and Dr. Keller Coker, Dean of The New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music, announce finalists and this year's exciting lineup for the Charles Mingus High School Competition & Festival weekend, February 15-18, 2019. Entries to this year's Competition include big bands and combos from all over the nation and show much heart and great dedication. The 2019 Festival will include performances and education events at The New School, and 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, clinics and workshops at The New School will feature master classes for instruments and sections, films, and clinics that explore aspects of Mingus music, followed by a student Mingus jam and panel event. Prominent Mingus educators and musicians will participate in the clinics and adjudicate the Competition on Sunday.

All events are open to the public. More details to be announced at <http://www.CharlesMingus.org>



SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- MINGUS BIG BAND at Jazz Standard, 116 E. 27th Street, NYC. Sets 7:30pm|9:30pm.
(Student Discount available)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- CLINICS, MASTER CLASSES, AND JAMS at The New School, Arnhold Hall, 55 W. 13th St., NYC.
Free admission and open to the public.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- COMPETITION at John L. Tishman Auditorium, University Center, 63 Fifth Avenue, NYC.
Free admission and open to the public.
- OUTSTANDING SOLOISTS invited to sit in: MINGUS BIG BAND at Jazz Standard. Sets 7:30pm|9:30pm.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- MINGUS ORCHESTRA at Jazz Standard. Sets 7:30pm|9:30pm.

For more information, please visit [CharlesMingus.org](http://www.CharlesMingus.org).

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2019 MINGUS HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION FINALISTS

The finalists (in alphabetical order by school) are:

COMBO CATEGORY

Berkeley High School Combo A, Berkeley, CA. Director: Sarah Cline
Lexington High School, Lexington, MA. Director: Pat Donaher
Rio Americano High School, Sacramento, CA. Director: Josh Murray

COMBO CATEGORY - Specialized Schools and Program

Green Country Youth Jazz Ensemble, Tulsa, OK. Director: Doug Styers
Batterman Ensemble, Milwaukee, WI. Director: Eric Jacobson
Jazz House Kids, Montclair, NJ. Director: Mike Lee

BIG BAND CATEGORY

Boston Latin School, Boston, MA. Director: Paul Pitts
Green Country Youth Jazz, Tulsa, OK. Director: Doug Styers & Joe Metzger
Jazz House Kids, Montclair, NJ. Director: Abraham Burton
Lexington High School, Lexington, MA. Director: Pat Donaher
Newton South High School, Newton Centre, MA. Director: Lisa Linde



“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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