



Dear Participating Director:

Enclosed you will find the audition results for the 2008 IAJE Iowa All-State Bands. Alternates have been chosen in most cases and are listed as well. I want to congratulate and thank all of you who took the time and energy to create and submit recordings of your students. They have no doubt benefited from the process alone.

Each tape was stripped of school and name identification and given a code. Each auditor was asked to select one or two qualified individuals to assist them with the selection process. The time and energy they gave to this effort is greatly appreciated.

Students accepted will receive their music at the Iowa Jazz Championships or have it mailed to their school by mid-April. All-State members participating in the Jazz Championships will be introduced to the audience prior to the awards ceremony.

Check-in and rehearsals will begin on Thursday morning, May 8th at the designated rehearsal sites (we hope at Drake University in Des Moines). Rehearsals will be on both May 8th and May 9th. The concert will be Saturday morning, May 10th at the Hotel Fort Des Moines. A detailed schedule and more information will be sent with your music, as well as posted on the web page (www.nsband.com/IAJE.htm) at a later date.

Directors for the bands this year will be trumpet legend Bobby Shew for the 3A/4A Band and Pianist/Composer/Educator Bob Washut from the University of Northern Iowa for the 1A/2A Band. Please visit our website to learn more about these two outstanding individuals.

Again, thank you for your support of jazz education in Iowa. Please feel free to call or e-mail me if you have any questions.

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