



Encourage Your Students to Audition

Naples Philharmonic Youth Jazz Orchestra

The Naples Philharmonic Youth Jazz Orchestra is generously sponsored by J. Lawrence and Barbara B. Wilson.

The Naples Philharmonic Youth Jazz Orchestra (NPYJO) studies the repertoire and arrangements of jazz greats like Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Horace Silver, Thelonious Monk and Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers. Led by Brandon Robertson, director of the Naples Philharmonic Youth Jazz Orchestra, the NPYJO fosters a deep appreciation for jazz while encouraging creativity, collaboration and technical excellence including improvisation.

Auditions

Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 4-8pm · rhythm section
Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 4-8pm · winds and brass

Open to students ages 12-18.

Audition Requirements

Blues Improvisation—Students will be asked to improvise over a medium tempo B-flat concert blues.

- Trombone, piano, guitar, bass, vibraphone: B-flat blues.
- Trumpet and tenor saxophone: C blues.
- Alto and baritone saxophone: G blues.

Solo Piece—Students should prepare a solo piece of choice.

Examples include:

- Play the melody and/or improvise on a standard tune.
- Play the melody and/or improvise on a jazz original.
- Play the melody on a ballad.
- Play a solo transcription.
- Play a jazz étude.

Rhythm Section Addendum—Piano, guitar, bass, drums

- Piano and guitar students who are able will be asked to compose and create their own voicings from chord changes (not required for acceptance).
- Bass students who are able will be asked to walk and create a bass line from chord changes (not required for acceptance).
- Drum students will be asked to demonstrate swing and Latin styles (bossa nova and Afro-Cuban).

Rehearsals

Wednesdays, 4-7pm

Youth Jazz Orchestra Fees (Some scholarships available)

\$375 annual tuition, plus:
\$20 audition fee for new members

Concerts*

Wednesday, November 18, 7pm · Daniels Pavilion
Sunday, March 7, 7pm · Daniels Pavilion
Sunday, May 16, 7pm · Daniels Pavilion



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& Naples Philharmonic

For more information, including scholarship availability and to schedule an audition, please contact youthjazzorchestra@artisnaples.org.

*Concert dates subject to change.
Tickets required for all concerts.

Flyer Summary

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