

2020 FELLOWSHIPS

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KC AREA YOUTH JAZZ

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TO: PROSPECTS FOR KC AREA YOUTH JAZZ 2020 FELLOWSHIPS

SUBJECT: New 2020 Live Audition Procedures + Schedule

Dear Youth Jazz Prospects and Families:

Due to the tremendous interest and large number of prospects, it is with great pleasure that I announce some practical and necessary changes to the KC Area Youth Jazz Fellowships Audition Process and Procedures for the 2020 Season. This modification will make for a more streamlined audition process and also still enable the most effective administrative procedures to ensure that we offer only the best prospective candidates the opportunity to participate in Youth Jazz.

Auditions will be held in person at the BRC Audio Productions Studio during FEBRUARY 2020. Parents AND prospective students must attend these auditions. Callbacks, if needed, will be used to narrow the field to only the best qualified prospects who want to be considered for a 2020 KC Area Youth Jazz Fellowship. IMPORTANT: Parents MUST attend so there are no misunderstandings regarding the required commitment factors involved during the 2020 KC Area Youth Jazz Season.

FEBRUARY 2020 Live Auditions will include practical factors of music like major and minor scales, along with playing standards or jazz blues to demonstrate prospects' abilities. Uploading videos is no longer a required part of the audition process. WATCH YOUTHJAZZ.US FOR INFORMATION!

Musical Directors for the 2020 KC Area Youth Jazz Season are: [Christopher Burnett](#), [William Crain](#), and [Rev. Willie Thornton](#) with [Bill Crain](#) serving as Recording Engineer and Producer.

Thanks! Further questions or inquiries? My email address is: director@youthjazz.us

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'C. Burnett'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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KC AREA YOUTH JAZZ 2020 SEASON AUDITION DATES + TIMES			
TIME	SATURDAY FEB 1	SATURDAY FEB 8	SATURDAY FEB 22
2:00 PM			
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NOTES: Audition days are Saturday, February 1st and Saturday, February 8th. Choose the slot that best works for your schedule and let Mr. B know so we can write you down. Callbacks are Saturday, February 22nd, if needed. 2020 KC Area Youth Jazz Fellows will be posted and announced in the press on February 29th.

2020 YOUTH JAZZ Auditions will be in person [at BRC Audio Productions in Kansas City, Kansas.](#)

2020 YOUTH JAZZ Auditions will consist of (1) a prepared piece selected from the [ARC Student Jazz Jam Session](#) repertoire ([download PDF booklet with the compositions in your instrumental key at BurnettPublishing.com/jazz/](#)), (2) a component to evaluate your improvisational skills, and (3) a brief personal interview of student and parent(s). We allow 15 minutes for each audition.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE 2020 YOUTH JAZZ SEASON INVOLVES A WEEKLY REHEARSAL DURING APRIL THROUGH JULY: APRIL + MAY ARE FOR LEARNING THE ORIGINAL MUSIC TO RECORD. AND JUNE + JULY ARE FOR PERFORMING CONCERTS AND RECORDING THE ALBUM.