

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

**JAZZ**  
**Invitational**



**40th ANNUAL WESTERN INVITATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL**  
**March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC AT WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY EXTENDS A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR YOU, YOUR JAZZ BIG BAND, AND COMBO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 40th ANNUAL WESTERN INVITATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

Special Guest Artist – **ELLIOT MASON**, trombone

With:

The Western Jazz Collective:

Andrew Rathbun, saxophone, Scott Cowan, trumpet, Matt Landon, Guitar, Matthew Fries, Piano, John Hébert, bass, Keith Hall, drums

& The University Jazz Orchestra and Advanced Jazz Ensemble

*THE FESTIVAL*

1. Each band will have 20 minutes of stage time (set-up, performance, and exit).
2. Performance is limited to three (3) selections: 1 Swing, 1 Ballad, and 1 free choice.
3. Adjudicators will offer comments only. No ratings.
4. All schools are encouraged to bring a combo. Performance time will be 20 minutes – music selection is open.

*RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS*

1. Adjudicators will select an “Outstanding Band” and an “Outstanding Combo” of the day. Each will be invited to perform on the evening concert with the same selections performed in the festival.
2. Outstanding individual performances will be recognized to all deserving students during our Festival Awards Ceremony.

*ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES*

1. A performance by ELLIOT MASON and members of the WMU JAZZ COLLECTIVE
2. Clinic by ELLIOT MASON.
3. Performances by the WMU JAZZ LAB BAND and the ADVANCED JAZZ ENSEMBLE
4. An evening concert Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 7:30 p.m., featuring the outstanding high school big band & combo and WMU JAZZ ORCHESTRA with ELLIOT MASON.
5. PRE-FESTIVAL CONCERT-An evening concert, Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 8pm; ELLIOT MASON with WMU Jazz Faculty. Tickets are sold separately from the festival and are

available in advance through Miller box office, or at the door. **THIS EVENT IS FREE FOR FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS AND ENSEMBLE DIRECTORS.**

*REGISTRATION*

**The WIJF registration form and payment option is now available at <https://wmich.edu/jazz/festival>**. Registrations are accepted on a “**first come – first serve**” basis. Visit our above website to register and for more information.

We look forward to the opportunity to hear your band and share with you the special talents of our guest artists, as well as our beautiful music facilities here at WMU.

*COST*

A fee of \$13 per student is being set to cover festival costs. There is NO additional charge for combo participation if you bring a big band.

If you bring ONLY a combo, a fee of \$15 per student will be assessed. Payment options are found at the conclusion of the electronic registration found at the above WMU Jazz Area website link.

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