

The Manawatū High Schools

Jazz Band Competition

June 01- 02, 2024

This year the Concert after the Awards Ceremony for the students will feature Bill Cunliffe's University Big Band from Cal-State Fullerton Los Angeles, USA.

This is a very exciting development and one which I think the students will enjoy.

Also, for the Workshops on Sunday morning June 02 we have many of our visit guest artists involved with the workshops.

Thanks again for your support. Best Rodger

The competition will be run along the guidelines of the International Association of Educators with a set guideline to judges marking procedures. It is also felt that the judges are required to be of the highest standard and that is why for the 2024 competition the judges will be drawn from members of the Rodger Fox Big Band and New Zealand School of Music faculty and wider jazz community.

The schedule will be:

Saturday June 01, 2024 9.30am – 3.40/4.00pm

Daytime Band Competition:

The band competition is held at the [Globe Theatre, Main Street, Palmerston North](#)

The 2024 event we will be keeping the on stage master-class by one of the judging panel directly after the performance. This we feel has added to the educational value of attending the competition.

Sunday June 02, 2024 10.00 – 11.30am

Workshops for musicians attending the festival will be held at the Globe Theatre and presented by the visiting musicians. From the USA Clay Jenkins – Trumpet, Cory Christiansen – Guitar, Matt Harris – Keyboards and Bill Cunliffe with members of the Cal state Fullerton Big Band from Los Angeles.

The Fee

per Student / Musician attending the Competition and Festival

Option One: \$35.00 per student

This includes:

- Enrollment into the High Schools Jazz Competition.
- Entry into the SPECIAL Jazz Gala Concert at the Globe Theatre on Saturday June 01, 2024 between 5.30 – 7.00pm.

Featuring the Cal State Fullerton Big Band from Los Angeles USA Music Director BILL CUNLIFFE.

California State University Fullerton Jazz Orchestra, directed by [Bill Cunliffe](#), consistently receives high scores and acclaim at major west coast jazz festivals. They have been featured on a live radio broadcast across North America as part of the Playboy Jazz Festival, and have previously won the Pacific Coast Collegiate Jazz Festival competing against groups from 50 colleges and universities in seven western states. Jazz combos receive high marks as well, with CSUF's top combo winning the 2018 Reno College Jazz Festival. Fullerton Jazz Orchestra has performed, by invitation, at many leading Southern California festivals and events. They have produced five recordings including their latest, "Sabor!" which features vocalist Freda Payne.

- Entry to the Workshops being held on Sunday. June 02. 10,00-11.30am
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- The workshop time slot has been organised so any bands wanting to return home can depart Palmerston North by 12.00noon on Sunday.

Option Two: \$20.00 per student

To enrol only in the High Schools Jazz Competition.

NOTE: It must be said that this is the basic option to attend the festival jazz competition. We would encourage all students to use option one as it is not just to play in the jazz competition but also to be part of the festival and learn by meeting and listening to other musicians and attending the educational workshops.

Entry Criteria - 2024

There are two categories:

IMPORTANT: The following two categories must present a program of not more than 20 minutes performance and 10 minutes master-classes total of 30 minutes, including setup and pack down time. This time constraint will be strictly adhered to.

(1) High Schools Big Band/Stage Band Competition

Musicians to be attending a High School or College with each band having a minimum of 10 musicians and a maximum of 22 (not including the band director). Each band is to play four pieces of different styles from this list; swing, blues, Latin, rock, ballad

(2) High School Combo Section

Musicians to be attending a High School or College with each group having a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 9 people

Vocalists can be used in any section and are included in the overall numbers required by each performing group.

Band Awards

There are 4 categories of best band awards:

- High School Big Band/Stage Band
- High School Combo
- Best Manawatu School Big Band/Stage Band
- First Time appearance at the festival by a High School Combo or Big Band

Individual Awards

Categories of individual awards:

- High School students will compete for trophy awards for the following instruments: Trumpet, Saxophone, Trombone, Guitar, Bass, Drums, Vocal, Keyboard/Piano, Flute/Clarinet
- Most Outstanding Musician in the Competition.

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Enrolment into the Manawatū High School Jazz Competition

June 01 & 02, 2024

Name of School:

Name of Band:

Number of Students in Band:

Band Contact Person:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Enrolment Options:

Option One –

\$35.00 per person

Number of Students Attending: \$35.00 xTotal \$

Option Two – Jazz Competition Only

\$20.00 per person (Please Tick)

Number of Students Attending: \$20.00 xTotal \$

Number of Teachers/Support People with group (FREE) Two Staff will attend.

We will email the school an invoice for the paid once the details have been received.

Closer to the competition date we will ask for the student's names and a repertoire list along with who the soloists are.