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WHAT: 22nd Annual Jazz in July Summer Music Programs
WHEN: Sunday, July 7 through Thursday, July 18, 2003
WHERE: University of Massachusetts Amherst

(Jazz in July: The Place Where Jazz Instrumentalists and Vocalists Meet)

The Fine Arts Center is now accepting applications to the 22nd Annual Jazz in July Summer Music Programs (July 7 - 18, 2003), a two week, intensive, performance-based jazz education program held at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Jazz in July is the place where study in improvisation and insightful conversation is integrated with theory, history, and diverse approaches to teaching and performing jazz. Participants from around the world will have the opportunity to join with other musicians and educators in combined lectures, clinics, conversations, film and video screenings, performances, and jam sessions.

Originally modeled after New York's "Jazzmobile," the two week, Instrumental Combo Program, led by the Billy Taylor Trio, (Billy Taylor, piano; Chip Jackson, bass; Winard Harper, drums) emphasizes individual improvisation within small instrumental combos. Participants are assigned to combos that are coached by the artist faculty, and attend master classes according to applied instrument. Faculty also includes John Blake, violin; Charles Ellison, trumpet; Andrew Green and Rick Stone, guitar; Jeff Holmes, trumpet; David Sporny, trombone; and Frederick Tillis and Willie Hill, saxophone.

The two week Vocal Jazz Soloists with Resident Trios program offers vocalists a supportive environment to explore concepts of jazz phrasing and rhythms, preparing lead sheets, and vocal improvisation including scat singing. Coachings and master classes with Sheila Jordan combine with rehearsal and performance opportunities accompanied by two in-residence instrumental trios led by Jeff Holmes and Matt Richard, piano.

For more information, including an application, visit our website: [www: jazzinJuly.com](http://www.jazzinJuly.com); write: Jazz in July, 10 Curry Hicks, 100 Hicks Way, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003-9300; or phone: (413) 545-3530.

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