

**SPRING 2021 JAZZ ENSEMBLE
REPLACEMENT/NEW AUDITIONS ONLY
FOR: LARGE JAZZ & CHAMBER JAZZ ENSEMBLES:**

Note: Ensembles will be offered as available in-person and/or virtual/online as determined by JAAMS Dept and Music & Dance Dept.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE I, CHAPEL JAZZ ENSEMBLE

JEI & Chapel meet T & Th 2:30 – 4:25 (twice a week);

Mandatory rehearsals & Performances as scheduled

& JAZZ LAB ENSEMBLE (if needed)

Jazz Lab meets T & Th 6:30 – 8:00

Mandatory rehearsals & Performances as scheduled

Plus: CHAMBER JAZZ ENSEMBLES (combos)

TIMES/SCHEDULE MOST LIKELY TBA

(In the past: typically meet weekday evenings/late afternoon

Mandatory rehearsals Tuesday and Thursday as assigned

(twice a week) with mandatory performances on

Thurs. Morning Recital Series at 11:00 AM (and attendance thereof)

in Bezanson & mandatory additional performances as scheduled)

**AUDITION DATE:
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2, online via Zoom
2:30 - 5:00 PM**

SIGN UP SHEET ON JAZZ ENSEMBLES WEBPAGE

Prepared music for Big Bands: JEI/ Chapel /Jazz Lab
available at UMass Dept Music & Dance website, [Jazz Ensembles page](#)

Questions: contact TA Kyle Murray, kmurray@umass.edu

There will be sight-reading for all

Improvisation is optional for non-jazz majors for Big Bands (no ballads).
If you want to, or are required to improvise, prepare one piece to improvise
on with backing tracks and/or perform solo

For Chamber only: prepare two contrasting Jazz pieces with backing tracks
and/or perform solo, to play melody and improvise on (NO BALLADS)
Do NOT sign up for separate Chamber and Large Ensemble auditions- 1 time-slot is sufficient

Guitar/Piano/Bass/Vibes: be able to “comp”/”walk” Jazz blues choruses and “Rhythm
Changes” in addition to above. **Drummers** will be asked to play a variety of styles.