



MUSIC AT EIU

JAZZ ENSEMBLES

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Participation in jazz groups is open to all university students. Auditions are required and are held during the first week of the fall semester.

The EIU Jazz Ensemble has received recognition from *DownBeat* magazine and has earned Outstanding Ensemble and Solo Performance citations at the Notre Dame and Elmhurst College jazz festivals. The ensemble has been featured at the International Association for Jazz Education and Illinois Music Educators Association conferences and has performed with legendary jazz artists Mel Torme, Dizzy Gillespie, Diane Schuur, and Joe Williams, among others. The Jazz Ensemble's latest CD is entitled *61920*. The EIU Jazz Ensemble is directed by Dr. Sam Fagaly.

Jazz Combos meet twice each week and perform at least two concerts per semester. Groups frequently have additional off-campus performances. In recent years, Eastern combos have been recognized for outstanding performances at the North Texas, Notre Dame, and Elmhurst Jazz Festivals. The combos are coached by Paul Johnston.

The EIU Jazz Lab Band provides an opportunity for more students to gain experience with big band repertoire. Like all EIU ensembles, this band is open to all students of all majors. The Jazz Lab Band is directed by Paul Johnston and performs on campus and in area schools each semester.

THE JAZZ STUDIES CONCENTRATION

Jazz Studies is available as a concentration within the Bachelor of Music degree. This degree program offers students a comprehensive study of jazz music from academic and performance perspectives. It is well known for its high quality instruction and successful graduates. We offer a strong foundation in performance and jazz improvisation, history, theory, and arranging.

THE JAZZ STUDIES MINOR

EIU also offers a jazz studies minor that includes courses in performance, improvisation, and theory. The minor may be combined with any degree program.

EIU JAZZ FACULTY

Sam Fagaly, saxophone
Ben Carrasquillo, trombone
Paul Johnston, piano

Jamie V. Ryan, percussion
Andrey Gonçalves, bass

2022-2023 CONCERTS

Jazz Showcase: Sept. 22
Jazz Combos: Oct. 20
Jazz Faculty Concert: Nov. 6
Jazz Lab Band: Nov. 15
Jazz Ensemble: Dec. 1
Jazz Combos: Dec. 6

EIU Jazz Festival Opening: Feb. 10
Jazz Combos: Feb. 21
Jazz Lab Band: Feb. 28
Jazz Combos: April 11
Jazz Ensemble: April 25

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR:

HONOR JAZZ COMBO DAY: NOVEMBER 7, 2022

63RD ANNUAL JAZZ FESTIVAL: FEBRUARY 10-11, 2023

2022-2023 AUDITION DATES: DECEMBER 10, 2022, JANUARY 21, 2023, FEBRUARY 20, 2023, FEBRUARY 25, 2023

EASTERN MUSIC CAMP: JULY 16-22, 2023



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