

## WANDSWORTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA

### REHEARSAL & CONCERT DATES 2024/25

Dear Wandsworth Jazz Orchestra members, parents and carers,

I hope you are well and had a relaxing summer break! Whether you are a brand new member, or returning for another year, we are excited for you to be a part of the Wandsworth Jazz community, and look forward to an exciting year of sharing music with you!

I am writing to you with details about this academic years rehearsals and performances. The key dates are outlined below and can also be found on the [WJO page](#) which will be updated throughout the year.

We are very excited that Wandsworth Jazz Orchestra have been invited to play at the London Jazz Festival this year. Details of the performance below.

**\*\*ACTION\*\*** - Please confirm your child's attendance at rehearsals, half term courses and performances for 2024/25 by completing this [form](#) by Monday 7 October at the latest.

#### **Rehearsals**

Unless otherwise specified all rehearsals take place in the ensemble room at Burntwood School. Rehearsals start promptly at 7.15pm, so please ensure that you arrive by 7pm and are in your seat, warmed up and ready to start playing at that time (unless you have another WMA lesson beforehand).

At the end of rehearsals please help to tidy away chairs, stands and music. Our percussionists will always appreciate anyone willing to lend a hand in moving the instruments back into the store cupboard!

It is **extremely important** that members are able to attend all rehearsals (including the half term course) and are downloading their music, looking at difficult passages **with their teachers** and practising **before rehearsals**. As always, practise parts can be found online here: [www.tinyurl.com/wandsworthmusic](http://www.tinyurl.com/wandsworthmusic)

#### **A reminder that all members are expected to:**

- Give their **full commitment** and have regular and punctual attendance at all regular rehearsals, courses, workshops and performance.
- Arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time (unless coming from another WMA lesson)
- **Be prepared** for rehearsals by:
  - Downloading the relevant music for their instrument(s).
  - Learning parts thoroughly before the rehearsals.
  - Taking music to their lessons to go through with their teacher.
- **Bring** a pencil and rubber to rehearsals
- Follow **rehearsal etiquette** by turning off mobile phones and paying full attention to the conductor

- **Assist in the setup and pack down** of rehearsals (including stacking own chair and stand, cleaning any rubbish away and ensuring all instruments are returned to storage as appropriate)

### **CONCERT DATES (final information and ticket details to follow)**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024:** London Jazz Festival at Clore Ballroom, Royal Festival Hall. c. 13:00 arrival, c.13:45 – sound check. 14:30 – 15:00 concert

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024:** WMA End of term performance - TBC

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025:** Spring Performance @ WMA Wednesday - TBC

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025:** Summer 2025 performance @ Tooting Tram and Social -TBC

### **CONCERT DRESS**

**Please note that concert dress for all performances is SMART – COLOURFUL SHIRTS** – Smart black trousers or knee length skirt or dress/ colourful shirt/ black socks or tights/ polished black shoes (no trainers).

**Jazz repertoire will be added to dropbox in the coming weeks.**

### **Gift Aid**

As a registered charity we are able to claim gift aid on WMA membership fees.

Gift Aid provides vital additional funds for charities and it costs you nothing extra to allow us to claim it. In order to access this additional source of funding we need a gift aid declaration from each parent who is prepared to support us in this way. Please support us by completing the gift aid form here - <https://wandsworthmusic.co.uk/giftaid/>

With best wishes

John Kilshaw