

# Young Jazz Artist

WIN CASH PRIZES

1<sup>st</sup> PLACE \$750  
 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE \$250

The winner will perform with the  
 Nebraska Jazz Orchestra on:

**Tuesday, May 9, 2023**



**Application and Recording Deadline: Monday, April 3, 2023**

- o Open to musicians who have not reached their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday on or before **May 9, 2023**.
- o Instrumentation: Bass | Drums | Guitar  
 Trumpets | Trombones | Piano  
 Alto, Tenor, and Baritone Saxophones

- o Selected musicians must provide their own transportation and instruments (except piano)

**If selected, musicians MUST be available for the following:**

- o **REHEARSAL:** Monday, May 8 | 7:00 p.m.  
 Lux Middle School Band Room, Lincoln, NE
- o **SOUND CHECK:** Tuesday, May 9 | 5:00 p.m.  
 The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, NE
- o **CONCERT:** Tuesday, May 9 | 7:30 p.m.  
 The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, NE

**ABOUT THE NEBRASKA  
 JAZZ ORCHESTRA**

The Nebraska Jazz Orchestra was founded in 1975 and performs throughout Nebraska and the Midwest. Tours to Europe have included England, France, Germany, Scotland and a 1997 performance at the prestigious Montreux International Jazz Festival in Montreux, Switzerland. The NJO regularly features locally and nationally renowned jazz artists and has recently performed with Paul Shaffer and James Valentine of Maroon 5.



**2022 NJO Young Jazz Artist**  
**Travis Wohlenhaus**  
 Alto Sax, Elkhorn South High School  
 Omaha

**Past Young Jazz Artist Winners**

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| 2021: Andrew Li, alto sax<br>Omaha Westside High School               | 2013: Luke Thallas, trombone<br>University of Nebraska-Lincoln      | 2004: Brent Lindaman, trumpet<br>University of Nebraska at Omaha     |
| 2020: Reese Pike, Piano<br>Omaha Westside High School                 | 2012: John Kosch, piano<br>Lincoln Southwest High School            | 2003: Tommy van den Berg, trombone<br>Lincoln Southeast High School  |
| 2019: Jonah Bennett, bass<br>University of Nebraska-Lincoln           | 2011: Michael Grimm, saxophone<br>University of Nebraska-Lincoln    | 2002: Alex Levitov, tenor sax<br>Lincoln Southeast High School       |
| 2018: Cole Palensky, tenor sax<br>Papillion La-Vista South High       | 2010: Tommy Krueger, trumpet<br>University of Nebraska-Lincoln      | 2001: Derek Molacek, trombone<br>Omaha Northwest High School         |
| 2017: Schylar Junginger, tenor sax<br>University of Nebraska at Omaha | 2009: Karl Lyden, trombone<br>University of Nebraska-Lincoln        | 2000: Bryant Scott, trombone<br>University of Nebraska-Lincoln       |
| 2016: Pete Fucinaro, tenor sax<br>Creighton Prep High School          | 2008: Andrew Janak, saxophone<br>Gross Catholic High School         | 1999: Seth Schoen, tenor sax<br>Lincoln High School                  |
| 2015: Eric Hitt, bass<br>University of Nebraska-Lincoln               | 2007: Gabriela Praetzel, alto sax<br>University of Nebraska-Lincoln | 1998: Christopher Steinke, alto sax<br>Lincoln Southeast High School |
| 2014: Ben Tweedt, piano<br>University of Nebraska at Omaha            | 2006: Paul Krueger, trumpet<br>University of Nebraska-Lincoln       | 1997: Broc Hempel, piano<br>Lincoln Southeast High School            |
|   | 2005: Jordan Elseberry, piano<br>University of Nebraska at Omaha    | 1996: Frank Basile, baritone sax<br>Omaha Central High School        |

(application on reverse)

## 2023 NJO YOUNG JAZZ ARTIST COMPETITION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Age on May 9, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

School/College \_\_\_\_\_

### How To Apply

- Return this completed form and a \$5.00 non-refundable application fee to the mailing address below. Make checks payable to Nebraska Jazz Orchestra.
- Send your recorded audition mp3 to [njo@artsincorporated.org](mailto:njo@artsincorporated.org) by **Monday, April 3, 2023**.
- Applications must be postmarked by **Monday, April 3, 2023**.

**MAIL WITH APPLICATION FEE TO:**  
**NEBRASKA JAZZ ORCHESTRA**  
**315 SOUTH 9TH STREET, SUITE 110**  
**LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68508**

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## AUDITION PROCESS:

- Prepare a recorded audition and email to [njo@artsincorporated.org](mailto:njo@artsincorporated.org). Recordings should include **two** improvised solos with live or recorded accompaniment such as Jamey Aebersold recordings. One recording should include four choruses of blues in any key in a jazz (swing) style and the other should contain two choruses of a well-known jazz standard (not blues) in any key at any tempo (Latin styles and ballads are acceptable). For drummers, demonstrate a 30 second groove with some fills and kicks followed by a brief solo in the following styles: funk, fast swing, shuffle, and samba. Please indicate, with a note or on the recording, what pieces you will be performing.
- All finalists will be notified by **Monday, April 10, 2023** and will be invited to a live audition on **Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 1:00 pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1200 S 40th Street, Lincoln**. Finalists will prepare two tunes, preferably in contrasting styles and tempos, and one tune as selected by the NJO Music Director. Finalists will be accompanied by the NJO rhythm section and will have a ten-minute audition time, which should be treated like a jazz concert or jam session. Memorization is encouraged but not required.
- At or before the live audition, finalists must provide a photograph (either printed or digital), a one-page biography, and three (3) copies of the solo or lead sheet if the tunes are not in the *Real Book* or an Aebersold volume, or if the key is different from the standard key for that tune. The sheet music the finalists bring for the rhythm section must be in concert key.
- The winner will be notified immediately following the audition.
- All travel expenses are paid by auditionees.