

Bowery Jazz Messengers

Openings available for young jazz musicians!

The Bowery Jazz Messengers is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in New York City by LaGuardia alumnus Bato Aydelotte '21. It offers opportunities for junior and high school jazz musicians to serve their community by performing for individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty at NYC's Bowery Mission.

The program is directed by musician/producer Chris "Ifatoye" Theberge (co-founder of the Grammy-nominated Groove Collective). This initiative provides young musicians with a positive environment to enhance their musicianship while receiving guidance from professional musician mentors in NYC. Rehearsals take place at IBeam in Brooklyn on the second Saturday afternoon of each month, and performances are held at the Bowery Mission Chapel on the third Saturday of the month at noon.

Openings are available for musicians in 7th-12th grades for the 2025/2026 program cycle. Auditions will be conducted in August, and there is no cost for participation. The application deadline is July 31st. To apply, please visit Boweryjazzmessengers.org.

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