

# African American Jazz Caucus

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Today →



# Mission/Purpose

## Preserving the Legacy

- Donald Meade Jazz Griot Award
- Research, Papers, and Clinics

## Promoting the Present

- Newsletters
- Database
- Social Media/Marketing
- Marketplace \*new\*

## Preparing the Future

- Mentorship Meet Up
- Database Network
- All-Star Youth Jazz Orchestra \*new\*

# Accomplished Initiatives 2014-2022

- ✓ **Web and Social Media Presence**
- ✓ **Donald Meade Legacy Jazz Griot Award**
- ✓ **JEN/AAJC Mentor Meetups/Social**
- ✓ **AAJC Blog Post “AAJC Speaks” (on hold)**
- ✓ **HBCU/PBI Institution Performance Slot for JEN**
- ✓ **AAJC Newsletter**
- ✓ **Task Force Meeting Created June 18 2020**

# Task Force Initiatives 2020

## **Task Force Objective #1**

Issue: AAJC lacks funding need to fully support the community

- Develop Strategic Plan for AAJC
- Seek grants writing and strategic planning resources from JEN
- Find Endowment for AAJC
- Need for paid employee/active team committed

# Task Force Initiatives 2020

## Task Force Objective #2

Issue: Lack of black students in jazz education (higher education)

*Contributing issues:*

- Students (high school and undergrad) need to be better prepared for audition requirements
- Black students are not readily exposed to successful Black artists and educators, proving the music to be a viable profession.
- Black students struggle financially and cannot afford the education, or cannot support themselves as musicians and pay loans.
- Black students at PWI are often isolated, Black students at HBCU/PBI are not directly support by artist outside of the school.
- Black students sometimes undervalue professors at HBCU/PBI because they often don't have the national profile of faculty found in PWI, in spite of have elite status and experience within the black music community.

# Task Force Initiatives 2020

**Solution #1** Identify and Create a database of Black college students, Educators, Performers, HBCU/PBI, middle and high schools

*Purpose:* To readily connect current students to professional artist and educators; and educators and artists to each other

§ Searchable by geographic directories

§ Searchable by Instrument

*To do list:*

- o Design database and identify queries
- o Identify platform to house database
- o Get a list of all the colleges and universities with jazz programs
- o Get a list of middle and high schools with jazz bands
- o Identify HBCU/PBI with jazz programs
- o Identify HBCU/PBI with jazz ensembles

# Task Force Initiatives 2020

**Solution #2** Create exchange systems for educators and artists to volunteer to come to schools, and share resources

*To do List:*

- Complete database

**Solution #3** Create a platform for which Educators, Artists and Recent graduates can be spotlighted

*To do list:*

- Newsletter will spotlight recent grads, educators, and recent releases from members
- Featuring Artist/Professors on Website and promo (show who they played with)

**Solution #4** Establish AAJC Chapters at schools and in regions

# 2024 COMMITTEE UPDATES

**Donald Meade Jazz Griot Presentation**

**HBCU/PBI Spotlight Report-Dr. Reginald Lewis**

**Database & Newsletter Update-Paul Baxter**

**Membership Updated**

**Mentorship Update**



# New Initiatives 2024

**AAJC All Star Youth Jazz Orchestra**  
**Dr. Iantheia Calhoun & Stephen Foster**

**AAJC Marketplace**  
**Leah Marche**

**Database Update**

# AAJC All Star Youth Jazz Orchestra

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# AAJC/JEN Mentor Meet Up

## AAJC Meet Up

Tomorrow, Friday, January 6, 2023

**2:00 PM – 3:00 PM US EST**

Location: Bolden 4

# AAJC Marketplace

**Leah Marche, Chair**

Showcasing Black-owned and Member-owned businesses/organizations, AAJC artists/entrepreneurs, and their latest works and projects. **Opportunities include two 3-hour events and four 1-hour Exhibit Hall VIP Experience.**

- **Update**
- **Ideas???**

# **AAJC/HBCU Spotlight: North Carolina Central Univ Jazz Ensemble with Joey Calderazzo**

**Robert Trowers**

Tomorrow, Friday, January 5, 2023

**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Location: Inspirations/Celestin  
Ballroom

# In Memory....



**First  
Donald Meade Legacy  
Founders Award**

**Nathaniel Lawrence**



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**NATHANIEL LAWRENCE**

# AAJC Membership

<https://app.joinit.com/o/african-american-jazz-caucus>





# AAJC Database

**A Valuable Benefit for our Members**

# Why the AAJC Database

- \*Help student members find teachers and schools.
- \*Help graduating student members find schools and other institutions for work opportunities.
- \*Help institutions with members on staff in recruiting faculty and staff.

# Why the AAJC Database con't

\*Help members in organizing projects, from educational initiatives like workshops and jam sessions, to performances and recordings.

\*Help members connect with other members in their general area, or in areas they would be traveling or moving to.

# COMMITTEE UPDATES

**Donald Meade Jazz Griot Presentation**

**Database Report**

**Membership Report**

**HBCU/PBI Spotlight Report**

**Mentorship Report**

**Marketing Report**

# NEXT FOCUS

Support the Academic Circuit

- Educators (all levels)

- Guest Artist

- Recent graduates (all levels)