



OYCE Jazz Bands

Orlando Youth Jazz Ensembles

2026–2027 Audition Packet

Questions?

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Welcome Letter

THANK YOU for your interest in our OYCE Jazz Bands!

We are ecstatic at the prospect of having you be part of our accomplished jazz program! We pride ourselves in upholding the highest standards of musicianship within our auditioned ensembles. Our jazz ensembles feature a variety of quality works of varying genres. Through your dedication, discipline, and artistry, we can accomplish great feats and help you grow — and take back what you learn to your band programs!

About Our Ensembles

We strive to create a unique jazz education experience. We hold our groups to professional standards and therefore rehearse professionally. We have frequent guest clinicians that help support our ensemble directors in giving you appropriate musical direction. We work on multiple concert programs simultaneously to plan for the many concert and performance opportunities offered by our partnering organizations.

During your tenure, we hope to aid in your progress in becoming more complete musicians, professionals, and people. We hope to continuously develop your appreciation of the arts and help you become better versions of yourselves through music. We want to create an environment where you create fond memories and most importantly — **Have Fun!**

Welcome to the Orlando Youth Chamber Ensembles!

Jesus Lopez

Executive Director / Founder

Director, Orlando Youth Chamber Ensembles Jazz Orchestra

Audition Guidelines

Placement, Not Rejection

This audition is for **placement** into individual ensembles, not for entry. OYCE firmly believes that no student — regardless of ability — should be turned away. We strive to place every student in a positive environment where they can succeed and grow as musicians.

Play Your Best

Play to the best of your ability. We are interested in knowing where you are on the day of the audition — play what you can. We know the sky is the limit for everyone!

Questions Welcome

Please send all questions to **info@oyce.org** with your name and instrument in the subject line.

Final Results

All results are final for jazz group placements.

Emergency / Conflict

In the event of an emergency or conflict, students may request to submit a **virtual audition**. Approval falls to the ensemble directors and that decision is final.

Late / Missing Auditions

Failure to audition or submit a recording on time will result in placement being determined by one of the ensemble directors.

Membership Requirements

Membership is granted upon fulfillment of your audition AND completion of your member packet, registration fee payment, and membership fees (or an emailed notice of intent to pay in installments). **Financial hardship will not prevent you from participating**, but failure to communicate professionally will. Let us know if you need help with membership costs.

For audition tips, follow [@oyce_official](#) on Instagram

Judging Rubric

Auditions are scored across five categories, each worth up to 10 points (50 points total):

Category	1–3 Beginning	4–6 Developing	7–9 Proficient	10 Excellent
Intonation	Many significant pitch problems	Pitch issues but not pervasive	Virtually all pitches correct and in tune	Entire performance tuned beautifully
Rhythm Accuracy	Significant rhythm problems throughout	Several unclear rhythmic passages	Most rhythms correct with minor inaccuracies	Rhythms precise; attacks and releases exact
Technical Facility	Poor fundamentals inhibit performance	Good technique, but jazz style incomplete	Proficient technique; jazz style evident	Excellent command of technique in jazz style
Improvisation	Poor or no concept of form; limited jazz vocabulary	Shows proficiency with rhythmic/melodic ideas	Excellent grasp of form and jazz language	Develops melodic ideas through full song form in jazz style
Phrasing, Dynamics & Articulation	Musical expression absent or ineffective	Expression present but too subtle	Musical expression evident throughout	Performance clearly expresses composer's intent
Total Score	_____ / 50			

Audition Requirements by Instrument

Saxophone, Trumpet & Trombone

Scales

- Concert G, C, F, B $\flat$, E $\flat$, A $\flat$, D $\flat$
- Chromatic Scale (in your instrument's specific pitch):

Trumpet: 2 octaves from G | Trombone: 2 octaves from F
Alto Sax: 2 octaves from B $\flat$ | Tenor Sax: 2 octaves from B $\flat$ |
Baritone Sax: 2 octaves from A

Prepared Pieces

- "Blue N Boogie" by Dizzy Gillespie — Melody and Solo
- "Half Nelson" by Miles Davis — Melody (soloing optional but highly recommended for Jazz 1 consideration)
- "Blue Bossa" by Kenny Dorham — Melody TWICE ONLY

** Optional doubling for saxophones on flute and/or clarinet (highly recommended but not mandatory). Please play the scales and melody to Half Nelson on doubles.*

** Saxophonists: audition on one saxophone only — you may be assigned a particular saxophone based on ensemble needs.*

** Bass Trombone: In addition to your tenor trombone audition, play the scales and melody to Blue Bossa 8vb.*

(This does NOT substitute the tenor trombone audition.)

Drums / Percussion

Prepared Pieces

- Songo groove — half note = 92 (15–30 seconds)
- Jazz Shuffle — quarter note = 120 (15–30 seconds)
- "Blue Bossa" by Kenny Dorham — Melody emulated on kit + 2 choruses of comping
- "Half Nelson" by Miles Davis — Melody emulated on kit + 2 choruses of comping
- "Shiny Stockings" — Shout section from measure 112 to end

** IMPORTANT: Play all grooves with a metronome clearly heard in your recording.*

** Optional doubling on Vibraphone and/or auxiliary percussion. For vibraphone: play the melody to "Half Nelson" then comp over the chord changes.*

Guitar

Scales

- All 12 major scales (2 octaves)
- Chromatic scale from middle C (2 octaves)

Prepared Pieces

- "Blue N Boogie" — Comp & Solo
- "Half Nelson" by Miles Davis — Comp (soloing optional but highly recommended for Jazz 1)
- "Blue Bossa" by Kenny Dorham — Melody once + 2 choruses of comping

Bass (Electric and/or String)

Scales

- All 12 major scales (2 octaves)
- Chromatic scale from low C (2 octaves)

Prepared Pieces

- "Blue N Boogie" by Dizzy Gillespie — Comp & Solo
- "Half Nelson" by Miles Davis — Melody, Comp (soloing optional but highly recommended for Jazz 1)
- "Blue Bossa" by Kenny Dorham — Melody once + 2 choruses of comping

Piano

Scales

- All 12 major scales (3 octaves)
- Chromatic scale from low C (3 octaves)

Prepared Pieces

- "Blue N Boogie" — Comp & Solo
- "Half Nelson" by Miles Davis — Melody, Comp (soloing optional but highly recommended for Jazz 1)
- "Blue Bossa" by Kenny Dorham — Melody once + 2 choruses of comping

Submission Details

Please record your videos and splice them into **ONE video**. Upload to **YouTube** and mark as **UNLISTED**, then submit via the Google Form:

Submit your video here:
[JAZZ AUDITION SUBMISSION FORM](#)

Reference Recordings

Listen to these recordings and take inspiration! You cannot learn how to improvise without studying the legends.

Half Nelson

- Original recording with Miles Davis — youtu.be/UFYIFVxIDcQ
- Charlie Parker and Chet Baker version — youtu.be/PssbhwCftUQ
- Live recording of Miles Davis (fast) — youtu.be/LvtWt9ymbtI

Blue N Boogie

- Original on Dizzy's 'Groovin High' album — youtu.be/OEdMOjNWwRw
- Miles Davis Group on "Walkin" — youtu.be/poE4N3rj3J8

Blue Bossa

- Original with Kenny Dorham and Joe Henderson — youtu.be/EUxv3AAaK_Y
- Dexter Gordon's version — youtu.be/zdR7v0WbZbA

Shiny Stockings

- Count Basie Orchestra (drummers skip to 3:35 for excerpt) — youtu.be/OEdMOjNWwRw
- Live Basie Orchestra with Butch Miles on drums — youtu.be/-g0gdXpnEN8

Backing Tracks

[Half Nelson](#)

[Blue N Boogie](#)

C Instruments(Piano, Guitar, Flute, Percussion)

Audition Excerpts

SCROLL DOWN

GUITAR/PIANO

HALF NELSON

MILES DAVIS

Sheet music for Half Nelson, Miles Davis, Guitar/Piano. The music is in 4/4 time and consists of two sections, A and B, each with four staves of notation. Chord progressions are indicated above the staves.

Section A:

- Staff 1: $C\Delta 7$, $F-7$ (triple), $Bb7$
- Staff 2: $C\Delta 7$, $B-7$, $E7$, $Bb-7$, $Eb7$
- Staff 3: $Ab\Delta 7$, $A-7$ (triple), $D7$
- Staff 4: $D-7$ (triple), $G7$, $C\Delta 7$, $Eb7$, $Ab\Delta 7$, $Db7$

Section B:

- Staff 1: $C\Delta 7$, $F-7$ (triple), $Bb7$
- Staff 2: $C\Delta 7$, $B-7$, $E7$, $Bb-7$, $Eb7$
- Staff 3: $Ab\Delta 7$, $A-7$ (triple), $D7$
- Staff 4: $D-7$ (triple), $G7$, $C\Delta 7$, $Eb7$, $Ab\Delta 7$, $Db7$

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COMP TWO CHORUSES!

Sheet music for a jazz ensemble, featuring four staves of music with various chords and a key signature change.

Staff 1: Starts with a key signature change to C major (indicated by a 'C' in a box). The first measure is C Δ 7. The second measure is F-7. The third measure is B $\flat$ 7. The staff ends with a double bar line.

Staff 2: Starts with a key signature change to B $\flat$ major (indicated by a 'B $\flat$ ' in a box). The first measure is C Δ 7. The second measure is B-7. The third measure is E7. The fourth measure is B $\flat$ -7. The fifth measure is E $\flat$ 7. The staff ends with a double bar line.

Staff 3: Starts with a key signature change to A $\flat$ major (indicated by an 'A $\flat$ ' in a box). The first measure is A $\flat$ Δ 7. The second measure is A-7. The third measure is D7. The staff ends with a double bar line.

Staff 4: Starts with a key signature change to D major (indicated by a 'D' in a box). The first measure is D-7. The second measure is G7. The third measure is C Δ 7. The fourth measure is E $\flat$ 7. The fifth measure is A $\flat$ Δ 7. The sixth measure is D $\flat$ 7. The staff ends with a double bar line.

Measure numbers are indicated on the left side of the staves: 33, 37, 41, and 45.

Blue N Boogie

Dizzy Gillespie

The musical score for "Blue N Boogie" is written in 4/4 time and consists of three staves of music. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb). The first staff contains measures 1 through 4, with chords Bb7, Bb7, Bb7, and Bb7. The second staff contains measures 5 through 8, with chords Eb7, Eb7, Bb7, and Bb7. The third staff contains measures 9 through 12, with chords C-7, F7, Bb7, and Bb7. The melody features eighth and sixteenth notes, with triplets indicated by a '3' over a bracket. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

B $\flat$ Instruments(Trumpet, Tenor Saxophone)

Audition Excerpts

HALF NELSON

MILES DAVIS

TRUMPET IN B $\flat$

5

9

13

17

21

25

29

TPT.

TPT.

TPT.

TPT.

TPT.

TPT.

TPT.

DMA^7 GMI^7 C^7

DMA^7 $C\sharp MI^7$ $F\sharp^7$ CMI^7 F^7

$B\flat MA^7$ BMI^7 E^7

EMI^7_3 A^7 DMA^7 F^7 $B\flat MA^7$ $E\flat^7$

DMA^7 GMI^7 C^7

DMA^7 $C\sharp MI^7$ $F\sharp^7$ CMI^7 F^7

$B\flat MA^7$ BMI^7 E^7

EMI^7_3 A^7 DMA^7 F^7 $B\flat MA^7$ $E\flat^7$

The musical score is for a trumpet part in B-flat, 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The first staff starts with a 3-measure rest, followed by a melodic line. The second staff begins at measure 5 and continues the melody. The third staff begins at measure 9 and includes a 3-measure rest. The fourth staff begins at measure 13 and continues the melody. The fifth staff begins at measure 17 and includes a 3-measure rest. The sixth staff begins at measure 21 and continues the melody. The seventh staff begins at measure 25 and includes a 3-measure rest. The eighth staff begins at measure 29 and continues the melody. Chords are indicated above the staff: DMA7, GMI7, C7, DMA7, C#MI7, F#7, CMI7, F7, BbMA7, BMI7, E7, EMI7_3, A7, DMA7, F7, BbMA7, Eb7. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#).

Blue N Boogie

Dizzy Gillespie

The musical score for "Blue N Boogie" by Dizzy Gillespie is presented in three staves. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first staff contains measures 1 through 4, with a repeat sign at the beginning. The second staff contains measures 5 through 8, and the third staff contains measures 9 through 12. Chords are indicated above the notes: C7, F7, D-7, and G7. Triplets are marked with a '3' and a bracket over the notes. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Staff 1 (Measures 1-4): C7, C7, C7, C7

Staff 2 (Measures 5-8): F7, F7, C7, C7

Staff 3 (Measures 9-12): D-7, G7, C7, C7

TRUMPET/TENOR

COMP. KENNY I

BLUE BOSSA

4/4

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

Chords: D_M^7 , D_M^7 , G_M^7 , G_M^7 , $E\emptyset^7$, $A7(b9)$, D_M^7 , D_M^7 , F_M^7 , B^b7 , $E^b\Delta^7$, $E^b\Delta^7$, $E\emptyset^7$, $A7(b9)$, D_M^7 , $E\emptyset^7$, $A7(b9)$

The musical score is written for Trumpet/Tenor in 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. Chords are indicated above the staff at various points. The score ends with a double bar line after the 24th measure.

Bass Clef Instruments (Trombone, Bass)

Audition Excerpts

BASS

HALF NELSON

MILE

Sheet music for Bass, titled "HALF NELSON" (MILE). The music is in 4/4 time and consists of two main sections, A and B, each with 8 measures.

Section A (Measures 1-8):

- Measure 1: $C\Delta 7$
- Measure 2: $F-7$ (triplets)
- Measure 3: $Bb7$
- Measure 4: $C\Delta 7$
- Measure 5: $B-7$
- Measure 6: $E7$
- Measure 7: $Bb-7$
- Measure 8: $Eb7$

Section B (Measures 9-16):

- Measure 9: $Ab\Delta 7$
- Measure 10: $A-7$ (triplets)
- Measure 11: $D7$
- Measure 12: $D-7$
- Measure 13: $G7$
- Measure 14: $C\Delta 7$
- Measure 15: $Eb7$
- Measure 16: $Ab\Delta 7$
- Measure 17: $Db7$

Section B (Measures 17-24):

- Measure 17: $C\Delta 7$
- Measure 18: $F-7$ (triplets)
- Measure 19: $Bb7$
- Measure 20: $C\Delta 7$
- Measure 21: $B-7$
- Measure 22: $E7$
- Measure 23: $Bb-7$
- Measure 24: $Eb7$

Section B (Measures 25-32):

- Measure 25: $Ab\Delta 7$
- Measure 26: $A-7$ (triplets)
- Measure 27: $D7$
- Measure 28: $D-7$
- Measure 29: $G7$
- Measure 30: $C\Delta 7$
- Measure 31: $Eb7$
- Measure 32: $Ab\Delta 7$
- Measure 33: $Db7$

Blue N Boogie

Dizzy Gillespie

Sheet music for the bass line of "Blue N Boogie" by Dizzy Gillespie. The music is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The score consists of three staves of music, with measures numbered 1, 5, and 9. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The time signature is 4/4. The music features a consistent rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together in groups of three. Chord changes are indicated above the staff: Bb7 (measures 1-4), Eb7 (measures 5-8), F7 (measures 9-12), and Bb7 (measures 13-16). The notation includes various musical symbols such as eighth notes, sixteenth notes, beamed eighth notes, and rests.

BASS LEADSHEET

COMP. KENNY DORHAM

BLUE BOSSA

CM7 CM7 FM7 FM7

6 Dø7 G7(b9) CM7 CM7

10 E♭M7 A♭7 D♭Δ7 D♭Δ7

14 Dø7 G7(b9) CM7 Dø7 G7(b9)

E_b Instruments(Alto Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone)

Audition Excerpts

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(MED. VP)

HALF NELSON

- MILES DAVIS

Chords: A maj7, D-7, G7, A maj7, Ab-7, G-7, F maj7, F#-7, B7, B-7, E7, C#-7, C7, F maj7, E7, A maj7, D-7, G7, A maj7.

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Blue N Boogie

Dizzy Gillespie

The musical score for "Blue N Boogie" is written in 4/4 time and consists of three staves of music. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first staff contains four measures, each with a G7 chord indicated above the staff. The second staff begins with a measure number '5' and contains four measures, with C7 and G7 chords indicated. The third staff begins with a measure number '9' and contains four measures, with A-7, D7, and G7 chords indicated. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some measures containing triplets. The score ends with a double bar line.

ALTO SAX

COMP. KENNY DORHAM

BLUE BOSSA

Am⁷ Am⁷ Dm⁷ Dm⁷

6 B^ø7 E7(b9) Am⁷ Am⁷

10 Cm⁷ F7 B^bΔ7 B^bΔ7

14 B^ø7 E7(b9) Am⁷ B^ø7 E7(b9)

Drums

Audition Excerpts

(End 2 Feel) (A TEMPO)

109 110 111 112

113 114 115 116

(SOLO FILL)

117 118 119 120

(Fill Holes) (DO YO' THANG ON OUT - FILL HOLES!)

121 122 123 124

G *ff*

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DRUMS 4. STOCKINGS

ENS

125 126 127 128

129 130 131 132

(SOLO FILL)

133 134 135 136

137 138 139 140

(Piano Solo) 2

