



Garfield Jazz Newsletter

March 2022

Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars!

March 13th - Jam Session (students only)

There will be a Jam Session on Sunday, March 13th from 1:15 to 3 pm at Central Cinema. **This is a great opportunity to improve solo and improvisation skills in an encouraging environment! All jazz students are welcome - please encourage your student to attend.** No need to sign up. Simply come with your instrument, sheet music and energy to play. We are looking to have more Jam Sessions in the coming months that will include an audience of friends and family. For more information, contact [Dan Goforth](#).



March 15th - The Music of Duke Ellington (Ensembles 1, 2 & 3)

Don't miss this opportunity to see all three Garfield Jazz ensembles perform at the Quincy Jones Performing Arts Center on March 15th at 7 pm. This is free concert, but seat reservations are required. Reserve your family seating pod here: [The Music of Duke Ellington](#)

March 18th - Hot Java Cool Jazz Benefit Concert

Garfield Jazz Ensemble 1 and four other regional high school jazz bands will perform at the Starbucks 25th Annual Hot Java Cool Jazz fundraising event, held at the Paramount Theatre on March 18th. This is a terrific benefit concert with 100% of the proceeds for all tickets sold by the Garfield Jazz Foundation (GJF) used to support the Garfield Jazz program. The GJF has already sold over 200 tickets in support of all Garfield Jazz students! There are still a few tickets available (each ticket is \$26.50). Get them here while supplies last: [Hot Java Cool Jazz Tickets](#)

April 4th - Next Parent Meeting for All Jazz Families

The next monthly Garfield Jazz Parent/Guardian Meeting will be Monday, April 4th at 7 pm. Please join the GJF and hear real-time updates from Mr. Sessink about upcoming performance opportunities and other jazz activities. We are beginning to recruit Board Members for the GJF 2022-23 school year, please attend the April meeting to learn how you can help support Garfield Jazz (Zoom link TBD).

May 7th - Bellevue High School Jazz Festival (Ensembles 2 & 3)

Garfield Jazz Ensembles 2 and 3 will participate in the Bellevue High School Jazz Festival on May 7th. This is an ALL DAY festival and participation by Ensemble 2 and 3 students is REQUIRED. Stay tuned for more details.

June 8th - The Royal Room (Ensemble 1)

Garfield Jazz Ensemble 1 will perform at The Royal Room on June 8th. Please save the date. Details coming soon.

Jazz Gigs - Check this out!

Did you know that Garfield Jazz students are hired to perform "gigs" at events all around the city? Requests are increasing and musicians approved by Mr. Sessink are highly encouraged to respond to requests from the Gig Coordinator. This is a great opportunity to play in smaller groups and earn volunteer hours or get paid for your performance.

For more information, check out the ["Hire a Combo" page](#) on the GJF website or contact Mark Craemer Garfieldgigs@gmail.com

