

Hi All,

I would like to invite you and your jazz band to participate in the first annual Salem State Invitational Jazz Festival on Thursday, March 11. The mission of this event is to give your students an educational experience and non-competitive atmosphere to perform in front of their peers. This will also, be a great way to get your students ready for any upcoming competitions or concerts. World renown composer, jazz trumpeter and educator Greg Hopkins with the number one Berklee College Jazz Band along with the Salem State Jazz Band and faculty will be hosting this event. At 4pm we will have clinics on improvisation and jazz band technique. There will be a slight break for dinner followed by a concert which will feature three HS bands finishing with the Berklee College, and Salem State students.

Please let me know if you would like to participate in this very exciting first year's event. There will be no cost to you except your transportation to the school and possibly dinner. There will be an admission charge and limited amount of tickets sold to the attending audience for the evenings performance.

Please let me know by Friday, February 5th if you would like to attend.. More details will follow.

Sincerely,

Thomas Palance
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