

News release



Everett Public Schools

Feb. 28, 2013

For more information:

[Mary Waggoner](#), Director of Communications, 425-385-4040

Jackson High jazz bands participate at Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival

Next performance at Dimitrious' Jazz Alley on March 25

On Feb. 23, the three Jackson High School (JHS) jazz bands participated in the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho. Performances by all three jazz bands, Disfunkshun jazz combo, Take Seven jazz combo, and bass soloist, Erika Middleton-Sharpe, were evaluated by professional jazz artists and clinicians. Rubrics that address national music standards were used to provide feedback for the performances. Each JHS group consistently scored in the outstanding category for the majority of the classifications of the rubrics.

Several of JHS students were recognized as "Young Artist Solo Award" winners – Brandon Mar, drums; James Henderson, alto sax; Sean Hoon, tenor sax; and, Michael Henning, piano. In addition, the Disfunkshun jazz combo, consisting of Michael Henning, Brandon Mar, King Dawidalle, and Shadi Mattar, was invited to perform in the Kibbie Dome at the evening "winners' concert." They performed a piece called *Skyline*, which was written by Jackson High School senior and pianist Michael Henning. This combo will be performing at the Everett Public Schools Foundation Breakfast on March 21.

Lesley Moffat is Director of Bands, Jazz, and Percussion at Jackson High School. She conducts Jazz Band 1 and coaches the jazz combos. Kevin Hall is Music Program Assistant and conducts Jazz Band 2. Student-teacher Chelsey Caldwell conducts Jazz Band 3.

On Monday, March 25, all three of the Jackson High School jazz bands will be performing at Dimitrious' Jazz Alley. Reservations can be made at www.jazzalley.com or by calling 206-441-9729.

---end---