

Greetings, Directors!

We hope that this note finds you well, as the jazz and concert band seasons get into full swing. The Tallcorn Jazz Festival Committee is hard at work to prepare for what we hope will be the best festival yet, and we would like to fill you in on some updates as February 20 and 21 fast approach.

Registration and Payment

Slots are starting to fill up as more of you register, but we still have many slots open! As stated in the last mailing, please have your bands registered no later than December 1, so that we can send out a schedule to all of you by the end of 2019. You can register using this [link](#), or go to our website (www.tallcornjazzfest.com) and click on “2020 Registration.”

Payment must be received by the time your band competes, or we cannot release your ballots or judges’ comments to you on the day of the festival. When you register, you should receive an automatic invoice to give to your front office. Additionally, you should receive a verification email from us within a few days of us receiving your payment. If either of these things fail to happen, don’t hesitate to reach out to us at tallcornjazzfest@gmail.com.

T-Shirts

As in years past, we will once again be offering free t-shirts to all participating students and directors. In order to receive funding for t-shirts this year, we require that students fill out this [survey](#) before receiving a t-shirt. It should only take about 30 seconds, but we ask that you have your students fill out this survey as soon as possible.

Band Rosters

UNI has also requested that we have rosters of participating students to send to them. We also have heard from judges that they would like to see rosters of the band so that they might recognize players of the band who are not soloing when making comments (rhythm section, lead trumpet, etc). Because of this, we ask that this year you include a full band roster with your other paperwork. Please go to the [Director Info](#) page on our website and use our band roster form to submit at the registration table upon your check-in at the festival. This roster is in addition to the soloist forms we have always required.

Tickets to the SDIJ Night Concerts

As many of you know, one of the things that makes the Tallcorn Festival unique are the night concerts that conclude each day of the festival. UNI Jazz Band Two will kick off the concert each night at 7:15, followed by UNI Jazz Band One featuring this year's SDIJ guest artist, Myra Melford. These are truly world class concerts, and we would love for you and your students to be a part of them. This year, we are excited to announce that we have discounted tickets for any groups of 5 or more. We hope that this might help offset the financial burden of attending the night concerts, and that we see many of you at these events!

Awards Ceremony

We have received many comments on the awards ceremony in the past. We regret that some bands have not been able to attend their own awards ceremony. This year, we have cut the last slot from the day to enable all of the afternoon bands to attend awards. The ceremony will be at the same time as years past, at 5:30 both nights in the Great Hall of the Gallagher

Bluedorn. We encourage all of you to attend this if possible, because UNI jazz students will be performing pre-shows beginning at 5:00 each day.

Questions and Feedback

The Tallcorn Committee is always looking for ways to better the festival for you and your students. We are always open to feedback or questions. At any time, feel free to contact the Tallcorn Committee (tallcornjazzfest@gmail.com), Chris Merz (chris.merz@uni.edu), or Dr. Michael Conrad (michael.conrad@uni.edu) with comments or feedback!

Sincerely,

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