



Greetings, Directors!

The Beta Nu chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia would like to welcome you to join us for the 65th annual Tallcorn Jazz Festival and 69th annual Sinfonian Dimensions in Jazz concert. This year's events will be held on Thursday, February 20 and Friday, February 21, 2020 at the University of Northern Iowa.

Festival Overview

As is always the case at Tallcorn, our goal is to provide each band and all participating students with a great educational experience and the opportunity to grow as musicians during the two-day festival. Each band will have the opportunity to work with world-class adjudicators and clinicians, most of whom are different from other jazz festivals around Iowa, to provide new sets of ears for suggestions. After each band performs, they will receive a 25-minute clinic, and will receive score sheets and comments from three separate judges. In addition, all students (and directors) are invited to participate in the free clinics with this year's guest artist, Myra Melford. These will be held at noon each day of the festival in Bengtson Auditorium in Russell Hall. We hope you will consider attending this year's festival for an amazing educational and musical experience!



Dates and Performance Spaces

We had a good turnout last year, as we tried the Thursday-Friday format for the first time ever. Following on this success, we will again have the same format this year. On Thursday, February 20, 2A bands will compete in Davis Hall in the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, and 3A bands will compete in Bengtson Auditorium in Russell Hall. On Friday, February 21, 1A and 4A-II bands will compete in Davis Hall, and 4A-I bands will compete in Bengtson Auditorium. Be on the lookout for future mailings and check out the [Tallcorn website](#) for directions to these locations and maps of campus.

Registration and Payment

Registration for this year's festival has been open since February of 2019, and we are excited to see many bands returning from last year's festival. If you are not yet registered, you may do so by clicking [here](#) or by going to our website (tallcornjazzfest.com). We ask that you please register your bands by December 1, 2019, in order to insure that we can get schedules out to all participating directors no later than December 31, 2019. Scheduling requests will be met on a first come, first served basis, and while we will work hard to insure you get the time slot that you desire, the only way to guarantee this is if you register sooner rather than later! We also ask that payment be sent in at earliest convenience. In order to help with keeping records, this year we have started utilizing automatic invoices that are emailed to you



immediately upon registration with the total due and the mailing address to send it to. If you have any trouble receiving these invoices, please let us know at tallcornjazzfest@gmail.com. We will not release any ballots or comments to bands until we have received payment, so please make sure that you get payment to us before the festival or have your check in hand when you come to check in.

T-Shirts

This year's t-shirt policy through the university is similar to last year's, and unfortunately that means a little bit more work for everyone involved. In order to satisfy the requests of UNI's administration, we ask that you provide us with a roster of your band as soon as you are able. We realize that many jazz bands auditions have not yet taken place, so we simply ask that you send us a roster by the December 1 registration deadline. We will send out reminders of this in later emails. In addition to rosters, we will also be sending out a survey for participating students to fill out in order to receive a free t-shirt. Be on the lookout for this in future mailings. We thank you for your cooperation with these policies!



Questions?

Please be alert for future mailings, as these will discuss more details such as changes in the awards ceremony, details about the SDIJ night concerts, directions for check in, and more. It is our goal to make this experience as smooth for you as possible. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. You can reach us through our website or email us directly at tallcornjazzfest@gmail.com. If you have questions that might require faculty attention, they can be directed to Mr. Chris Merz at chris.merz@uni.edu. We look forward to seeing you in February!

Sincerely,

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Isaac Smith, Tallcorn Coordinator

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