

Fall 2009 Audition Information

CSU Northridge Jazz Ensembles

Auditions are scheduled for Monday, August 24 @ 5:00PM

- Big Bands
- Combos
- Latin Jazz Ensemble
- Vocal Jazz

Big Bands

JAZZ "A" BAND

Fall 2009 Rehearsal Schedule: Mon-Wed from 5:00PM to 6:50PM

- The 2008 Monterey "Next Generation" Jazz Festival-College Big Band Award Winners
- 2005 and 2006 Reno Jazz Festival award winners
- The flagship Big Band of the CSU Northridge Jazz Studies Program

JAZZ "B" BAND

Fall 2009 Rehearsal Schedule: Tues-Thurs 5:00PM to 6:15PM

- Rated among the top 5 Collegiate Bands at the 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008 Reno Jazz Festivals, with unanimous superior ratings

JAZZ "C" BAND

Fall 2009 Rehearsal Schedule: Tues-Thurs 3:00PM to 4:15PM

Combos

"JAZZ COMBOS"

Fall 2009 Class Schedule: Wednesdays 7:30PM – ALL JAZZ STUDIES MAJORS
10 Ensembles - arranged

"LATIN ENSEMBLE"

Fall 2009 Rehearsal Schedule: TBA
(Auditions by appointment only)

"NuVeaU ART ENSEMBLE"

Avant-garde improvisation Ensemble
Thursdays 7:30PM (jazz majors only, by invitation)

Audition Procedure for instrumental jazz ensembles:

- Performance of the prepared tune – the first chorus of a transcribed Charlie Parker solo on "Cherokee" (see enclosed attachment). Tempo: half note=120. Cherokee is to be played in Bb Major - the enclosed transcription is in G.
- Pianists and Guitarists should be prepared to comp changes as well as demonstrate melody
- Drummers should be prepared to play the tune in various styles – be prepared to solo over form.

In addition, the following elements will be required at the instrumental audition:

- Sight Reading
- A selection of your choice
- Improvisation-standard or blues (not required for non-majors/required for jazz majors)
- Woodwinds will demonstrate their experience with all doubles

Vocal Jazz Ensemble

Fall 2009 Rehearsal Schedule: Mondays 7:00-9:30 PM

- CSU Northridge Vocal Jazz Ensemble, "EPICENTER"
2006 AND 2007 Reno Jazz Festival First Place Collegiate Vocal Jazz Ensemble