



The
Commanders
JAZZ ENSEMBLE



from the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West

invites you to participate in our first annual

SOLO COMPETITION

The USAF Band of the Golden West Solo Competition

The USAF Commanders Jazz Ensemble will be holding a jazz solo competition for local students in the Northern California area! Selected applicants will be our featured guests during a local concert on April 14, 2019 at our hometown performance venue, The Vacaville Performing Arts Theater

Invited Personnel:

- This competition is open to all high school jazz musicians in the greater Northern California area

Commitments:

- Rehearsal at the Band of the Golden West Music Hall, Travis AFB, CA on April 13, 2019 at 10am
- Performance at The Vacaville Performing Arts Theater, Vacaville CA on April 14, 2019 at 3pm

Applicants are responsible for travel arrangements/expenses to and from the scheduled rehearsal and performance

How to apply:

- Digitally submit audition package by February 1, 2019 to: USAFCommandersJazzEnsemble@gmail.com
- Include your full name, instrument, age, high school, phone number, email address, band director's name, band director's email address and city you live in
- Showcase your jazz soloing abilities by recording yourself playing with a live rhythm section, or any backing track (iRealB, Jamey Aebersold, etc.)

Instrumentalists:

- Record yourself playing the melody to any medium-tempo 12-bar blues and improvise several choruses
- Record yourself playing any standard jazz tune in a contrasting style to your blues selection, play the melody, and improvise several choruses

Drum & Bass Applicants:

- Demonstrate your ability to play time functioning in a rhythm section, as well as showing your soloist skills over a medium-tempo 12-bar blues and a standard jazz tune in a contrasting style to the blues

Vocalists:

- Sing the lyrics to a blues and a contrasting jazz standard. Improvisation abilities are optional, but highly encouraged

Selected applicants will be notified no later than February 15, 2019

Please direct any questions to A1C Nathaniel McKay at USAFCommandersJazzEnsemble@gmail.com