

October 23, 2018

Dear New Trier Jazz Supporter,

In an attempt to be more green, we are transitioning our Jazz Festival sponsor mailing to email. Instead of mailing checks, sponsors and supporters will be able to electronically submit their sponsorships and donations online via Revtrak at the following link: [Jazz Festival Revtrak Link for Sponsors and Supporters](#)

This year, with your help, we will host the 36th annual Frank Mantooth Jazz Festival at New Trier High School. The legacy of our festival is quite remarkable for many reasons, and I would like to share two with you. First, visiting bands return year after year because we offer a unique educational experience and a welcoming festival atmosphere. In the two weeks since registration opened, we are at capacity with 45 visiting bands registered to participate. Second, we present a world-class evening concert. This year will be no different as we welcome **The Legendary Count Basie Orchestra with special guest Joey DeFrancesco!** While the Count Basie Orchestra needs no introduction, I'm happy to tell you that Joey DeFrancesco is widely regarded as the greatest living jazz organist, renowned for his virtuosity and soulfulness. Mr. DeFrancesco appears on the Basie Orchestra's latest album, but our festival will mark their first live performance together! The afternoon will feature The Sharel Cassity Quartet, our Clinician's Jam Session, and the Director's Big Band.

We will again be hosting our Women in Jazz Dinner after last year's very successful inaugural event. Last year's dinner included 144 young women and five renowned jazz artists, and it looks like this year's event will be even bigger! Last year's dinner was made possible by a very generous donation from a former NTJazz family. This year we'd like to invite current NTJazz families to help us support this unique and impactful event. \$10 pays for one participant's evening.

We're able to create an ambitious festival program year after year because we have been able to count on the support of our jazz families. We require over 100 parent volunteers to fill critical roles in planning and executing the festival. We also rely on the financial support of **Jazz Festival Sponsors** and **Jazz Festival Supporters**. Families able to make a donation of \$275 or more will receive four premium tickets to the evening concert and will be listed in the program as our **Jazz Festival Sponsors**. Sponsors may choose to purchase additional premium tickets at \$35 at the time of sponsorship. Families who would like to make a donation of less than \$275 will be listed in the program as **Jazz Festival Supporters**. Online ticket sales will begin on Monday, November 12th at [NTJazz.com](#). In addition, all families will be able to purchase tickets to the evening concert on Friday, November 30th at our Fall Jazz Ensembles concert. With your help we can make this year's festival concert another sold-out event!

Every NTJazz student who participates in the all-day festival will receive a free ticket to sit in the orchestra pit for the evening concert, so please do not purchase a ticket for your NTJazz student.

Please use the following link to submit your sponsorship or donation [Jazz Festival Revtrak Link for Sponsors and Supporters](#).

Sincerely,

Nic Meyer
Director of Jazz Ensembles

