

# 2017 Contra Costa County 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Honor Jazz Band Sponsored by Generations in Jazz Foundation – [gijf.org](http://gijf.org)

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## High School Honor Jazz Band

September, 2016

Dear Jazz Educators and Student Musicians,

The Lafayette Generations in Jazz Foundation is once again sponsoring the Contra Costa County High School Honor Jazz Band concert on **Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at Stanley Middle School (3455 School St, Lafayette, 94549)**. This year's director will be **Kyle Athayde**. Please encourage your top jazz students to audition for the band as it promises to be an exciting opportunity for them.

Students are **required** to attend all rehearsals, sound check and the performance. Have your students consider all dates. If they cannot commit to 100% attendance, they should not audition. All interested students must pre-register through their high school music teachers no later than **Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**. There is a \$20 audition fee per student. (See payment details on the High School registration form, which you can download from our website, [www.gijf.org](http://www.gijf.org).)

♫ Individually assigned auditions will be scheduled for **Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017, from 1:00-4:00pm at San Ramon Valley High School (501 Danville Blvd)**. There are no walk-ons.

**Audition Requirements: pdf's can be downloaded at [www.gijf.org](http://www.gijf.org)**

♫ **Horns:** All State Swing Etudes by Mike Dana Trumpet etude includes "lead trumpet" and "non lead" excerpts.

♫ **Rhythm Section:** in addition to the All State Swing, Latin and Ballad excerpts by Mike Dana, be prepared to:

♫ **Pianists, vibes and guitarists:** Show comping to changes

♫ **Bassists:** Play different grooves to changes

♫ **Drummers:** Play different styles

♫ Sight reading of a short selection comparable to what will be performed

♫ An optional improvised tune with a recorded play-along accompaniment, which you should bring to the audition if you need it.

♫ Improvisation is not required to make the band, but preference will be given to those who do.

**Rehearsals at Stanley Middle School (3455 School St, Lafayette)**

• Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>- 11:00am-1:30pm

• Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm-8:30pm

• Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm-8:30pm

**Sound check, dress rehearsal, performance at Stanley Middle School**

❖ Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> - 12:45 – 1:30 (Sound check); 3pm (Performance)

The names of the selected students will be e-mailed to all schools by **February 14<sup>th</sup>**. As always, we look forward to an exciting group! If you have any questions, please contact me at 415-497-2913 or e-mail me at [Rzigas@wcsd.k12.ca.us](mailto:Rzigas@wcsd.k12.ca.us)

*Sincerely,*

**Rita Zigas-Brown, Coordinator**

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Trumpet  
Trombone  
Alto Sax  
Tenor Sax  
Bari Sax  
Piano  
Bass  
Drums  
Guitar  
Vibes

\$5 tickets will be  
for sale through  
band members or  
at the door  
(open seating)

