

# **CMEA High School Audition Repertoire**

## **Jazz**

### **4-Year Rotation (revised May, 2021)**

In order to ensure consistent and fair adjudication, all students must use the same edition of a given solo. Students must use the required edition of the books/pieces indicated. The publishers/distributors are listed to help you locate a given etude book or piece.

CMEA expects all students participating in the audition process to abide by all copyright laws. Students must have an original piece of music, a digitally purchased copy w/receipt, a public domain copy, or perform from memory. With the exception of students performing from memory, students auditioning without an acceptable copy of music may be disqualified from festival participation.

Students may audition in as many areas as they choose; however, vocal students may audition on one voice part only – Soprano, Alto, Tenor, or Bass. Directors must submit their student's ensemble preference during registration; however, **the final decision for ensemble placement rests with the appropriate festival committees.**

### **CMEA Policies Regarding Students With A Disability**

It is the responsibility of the child's music director to notify the Region Director of any modifications required for students who may have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 plan in anticipation of the CMEA sponsored Adjudication or Festival processes. Any request for modifications must be made 30 days prior to the said CMEA sponsored event. It is also the responsibility of the child's school district to fund any costs incurred by such modifications.

Special thanks to Jay Stevens at Foundry Music in New Haven, CT for verifying this repertoire information and availability.

# JAZZ WIND REQUIREMENTS

All jazz wind auditions will include the required etude, improvisation, and sight-reading.  
Scales are not required.

If the solo etude has an accompaniment CD, students will not play along with the recording during the audition.  
Students will perform the improvisation with the CD accompaniment (see below for details).

## REGION JAZZ WIND IMPROVISATION

All wind players will improvise a solo using the specified Aebersold play-along track listed below. Students will play the melody for one chorus, improvise for four choruses, and finish by playing the melody for one chorus.

- 2021-2022 *Fast Blues in F* from *Nothin' But Blues, Vol. 2* – Aebersold  
2022-2023 *Minor Blues in C* from *Nothin' But Blues Vol.2* – Aebersold  
2023-2024 *Fast Blues in Bb* from *Nothin' But Blues, Vol. 2* - Aebersold

## REGION JAZZ WIND ETUDE LIST

### JAZZ ALTO SAX and BARITONE SAX

- 2021-2022 *Etude #8* (Q=152-160) from *Advanced Jazz Conception for Sax* by Niehaus - Professional Drum Shop/Aebersold  
2022-2023 *Etude #12* from *Advanced Jazz Conception for Sax* by Niehaus - Professional Drum Shop/Aebersold  
2023-2024 *Etude #5* from *Advanced Jazz Conception for Sax* by Niehaus - Professional Drum Shop/Aebersold

### JAZZ TENOR SAX

- 2021-2022 *Etude #4* (Q=176-184) from *Advanced Jazz Conception for Sax* by Niehaus - Professional Drum Shop/Aebersold  
2022-2023 *Etude #6* from *Advanced Jazz Conception for Sax* by Niehaus - Professional Drum Shop/Aebersold  
2023-2024 *Etude #18* from *Advanced Jazz Conception for Sax* by Niehaus - Professional Drum Shop/Aebersold

### JAZZ BARI SAX

- 2021-2022 *Etude #8 (Q=152-160) from Advanced Jazz Conception for Sax by Niehaus - Professional Drum Shop/Aebersold*
- 2022-2023 *Etude #12 from Advanced Jazz Conception for Sax by Niehaus - Professional Drum Shop/Aebersold*
- 2023-2024 *Etude #5 from Advanced Jazz Conception for Sax by Niehaus - Professional Drum Shop/Aebersold*

### JAZZ TRUMPET

- 2021-2022 *Bird Blues from Jazz Conception - Trumpet by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred*
- 2022-2023 *Lunar from Jazz Conception - Trumpet by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred*
- 2023-2024 *Friends from Jazz Conception - Trumpet by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred*

### JAZZ TROMBONE

- 2021-2022 *It's Nobody for Me from Effective Etudes for Jazz by Javis/Carubia - Kendor Music*
- 2022-2023 *Joe's Thing from Jazz Conception - Trombone by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred*
- 2023-2024 *I Got Rid of 'Em from Effective Etudes for Jazz by Javis/Carubia - Kendor Music*

### BASS TROMBONE

- 2021-2022 *It's Nobody for Me from Effective Etudes for Jazz (trombone) by Javis/Carubia - Kendor Music*
- 2022-2023 *Joe's Thing from Jazz Conception - Bass Trombone by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred*
- 2023-2024 *I Got Rid of 'Em from Effective Etudes for Jazz by Javis/Carubia - Kendor Music*

## ALL-STATE JAZZ WIND IMPROVISATION

All wind players will improvise over the solo listed below.

- 2021-2022 *Just Friends* from *Jam Session, Vol. 34* – Aebersold
- Play the head WITH the repeat, then improvise over THREE choruses only. DO NOT play the coda.
- 2022-2023 *Without a Song* from *Jam Session, Vol. 34* - Aebersold
- 2023-2024 *You Stepped Out of a Dream* from *Jam Session, Vol. 34* - Aebersold

1. Students will play the melody for one chorus.
2. Next, students will improvise for two choruses.
3. Students will finish with one Chorus into the Coda, which is improvised.

## ALL-STATE JAZZ WIND SOLO LIST

### JAZZ ALTO SAX

- 2021-2022 *Celerity* (Q=276) from *The Charlie Parker Omnibook - Eb* - Hal Leonard
- 2022-2023 *Confirmation* from *The Charlie Parker Omnibook - Eb* - Hal Leonard
- 2023-2024 *She Rote No.1* from *The Charlie Parker Omnibook - Eb* - Hal Leonard

### JAZZ TENOR SAX

- 2021-2022 *Locomotion* from *John Coltrane - Improvised Saxophone Solos: Tenor Saxophone – Transcribed by Don Sickler - Alfred, measure 1-67 (First 3 pages only)*
- 2022-2023 *Sonny Rollins – Improvised Solo on AIREGIN* from *Modern Jazz Tenor Solos*, ed. Butler – Aebersold
- 2023-2024 *Thriving from a Riff* from *The Charlie Parker Omnibook - Eb* - Hal Leonard

### JAZZ BARI SAX

- 2021-2022 *Celerity* from *The Charlie Parker Omnibook - Eb* (Q=276) - Hal Leonard
- 2022-2023 *Confirmation* from *The Charlie Parker Omnibook - Eb* - Hal Leonard
- 2023-2024 *Donna Lee* from *The Charlie Parker Omnibook - Eb* - Hal Leonard

### JAZZ TRUMPET

- 2021-2022 *Lazy Bird* (H=126) from *The Best of Lee Morgan* - Charles Colin Music Publications
- 2022-2023 *Stompin' at the Savoy* from *Clifford Brown: Complete Transcriptions, Vol. 2* - Brownie Publications/Charles Colin
- 2023-2024 *Gertrude's Bounce* from *Clifford Brown: Complete Transcriptions, Vol. 2* - Brownie Publications/Charles Colin

### JAZZ TROMBONE

- 2021-2022 *Coffee Pot* (H=144) from *The JJ Johnson Collection* - Hal Leonard
- 2022-2023 *Deak* from *The JJ Johnson Collection* - Hal Leonard
- 2023-2024 *Fat Back* from *The JJ Johnson Collection* - Hal Leonard

### JAZZ BASS TROMBONE

- 2021-2022 *A Doll* (Q=100) from *Jazz Conception: Bass Trombone* - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
- 2022-2023 *Bird Blues* from *Jazz Conception: Bass Trombone* - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
- 2023-2024 *Autumn* from *Jazz Conception: Bass Trombone* - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

# JAZZ RHYTHM SECTION REQUIREMENTS

All jazz rhythm section auditions will include the required etude and improvisation. Please read instructions for each instrument carefully.

**Scales and Sight Reading are not required.**

Solo etudes will be performed without CD accompaniment.

Guitar, bass, piano and jazz vibes students will perform the improvisation with the CD accompaniment (see below for details).

Drummers will perform their improvisation without CD accompaniment.

## REGION JAZZ RHYTHM ETUDE LIST

### JAZZ GUITAR

2021-2022 *Rose from Jazz Conception - Guitar by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred*  
2022-2023 *A Doll from Jazz Conception - Guitar by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred*  
2023-2024 *IND Line from Jazz Conception - Guitar by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred*

1. Play solo etude as written.
2. Using chord changes from the same solo etude, comp through the entire etude, in the style of the piece, with no melody, as if backing up a soloist on another instrument. For the first chorus, comp in the Freddie Green/Count Basie style. For remaining choruses, comp with free rhythmic interpretation.
3. This portion of the audition will be performed without CD accompaniment.
4. Students must provide their own patch cords and guitar tuner.

AND

2021-2022 *Grease (Bb Blues) from Jazz Conception – Guitar by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred*  
2022-2023 *Groove Blues (F Blues) from Jazz Conception – Guitar by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred*  
2023-2024 *Grease (Bb Blues) from Jazz Conception – Guitar by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred*

Use this track as a play-along for improvisation.

1. Improvise right from the beginning of the track for 4 choruses total.
2. This portion of the audition will be performed with CD accompaniment.
3. Note: if you turn the balance on your stereo to the left, the solo line will be eliminated allowing you to be the soloist.

## JAZZ PIANO

2021-2022 *Rose* from *Jazz Conception - Piano* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred  
2022-2023 *A Doll* from *Jazz Conception - Piano* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred  
2023-2024 *IND Line* from *Jazz Conception - Piano* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

1. Play solo etude as written.
2. Using the chord changes from the same solo etude, comp through the entire etude using both hands, in the style of the piece, with no melody, as if backing up a soloist on another instrument.
3. This portion of the audition will be performed without CD accompaniment.

AND

2021-2022 *Grease (Bb Blues)* from *Jazz Conception – Piano* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred  
2022-2023 *Groove Blues (F Blues)* from *Jazz Conception – Piano* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred  
2023-2024 *Grease (Bb Blues)* from *Jazz Conception – Piano* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

1. Use this track as a play-along for improvisation.
2. Improvise right from the beginning of the track for 4 choruses total.
3. Improvise solo in right hand, comp in left hand.
4. This portion of the audition will be performed with CD accompaniment.
5. Note: If you turn the balance on your stereo to the left, the solo line will be eliminated allowing you to be the soloist.

## JAZZ VIBES

2021-2022 *Rose* from *Jazz Conception - Piano* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred  
2022-2023 *A Doll* from *Jazz Conception - Piano* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred  
2023-2024 *IND Line* from *Jazz Conception - Piano* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

1. Play solo, melodic top staff only.
2. Using the chord changes from the same solo etude, comp through the entire etude using both hands, in the style of the piece, with no melody, as if backing up a soloist on another instrument.
3. This portion of the audition will be performed without CD accompaniment.

AND

2021-2022 *Grease (Bb Blues)* from *Jazz Conception – Piano* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred  
2022-2023 *Groove Blues (F Blues)* from *Jazz Conception – Piano* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred  
2023-2024 *Grease (Bb Blues)* from *Jazz Conception – Piano* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

1. Use this track as a play-along for improvisation.
2. Improvise right from the beginning of the track for 4 choruses total.
3. Improvise a solo, only; no comping.
4. This portion of the audition will be performed with CD accompaniment.
5. Note: If you turn the balance on your stereo to the left, the solo line will be eliminated allowing you to be the soloist.

## JAZZ BASS

2021-2022 *Rose from Jazz Conception - Bass* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred  
2022-2023 *A Doll from Jazz Conception - Bass* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred  
2023-2024 *IND Line from Jazz Conception - Bass* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

1. Play etude as written.
2. Using the chord changes from the same etude, create an original walking bass line over the entire etude, in the appropriate style, as if backing up a soloist on another instrument.
3. This portion of the audition will be performed without CD accompaniment.
4. Bass players may audition on acoustic or electric bass.

AND

2021-2022 *Grease (Bb Blues) from Jazz Conception – Bass* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred  
2022-2023 *Groove Blues (F Blues) from Jazz Conception – Bass* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred  
2023-2024 *Grease (Bb Blues) from Jazz Conception – Bass* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

1. Use this track as a play-along for improvisation.
2. Improvise right from the beginning of the track for 4 choruses total.
3. This portion of the audition will be performed with CD accompaniment.
4. Note: if you turn the balance on your stereo to the left, the solo line will be eliminated allowing you to be the soloist.

## JAZZ DRUMS

2021-2022 *Rose from Jazz Conception - Drums* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred  
2022-2023 *A Doll from Jazz Conception - Drums* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred  
2023-2024 *IND Line from Jazz Conception - Drums* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

1. Play etude as written. ***Please play the transcription, NOT the lead sheet.***
2. This portion of the audition will be performed without CD accompaniment.

### **Improvisation Requirement**

1. At quarter note = 110, trade fours for a total of 24 measures.
2. Play swing time for four measures, then solo for four measures.
3. Repeat this sequence three times for a total of 24 measures.
4. **Repeat steps 1 through 2 at quarter = 200**

### **Supplemental Jazz Drums Requirement**

Be prepared to play the following:

1. 16 bars OF TIME in a **Latin Style** (bossa nova or samba are acceptable)
2. 8 bars OF TIME in a **Funk Style** (quarter note = 100)
3. 8 bars OF TIME in a **Jazz Ballad Style** using brushes (quarter note = 60)

## ALL-STATE JAZZ RHYTHM SOLO LIST

### JAZZ GUITAR

- 2021-2022 *West Coast Blues* (Q=144) from *The Wes Montgomery Guitar Folio, Improvisations and Interpretations* by Kahn - Aebersold
- 2022-2023 *Canadian Sunset* from *The Wes Montgomery Guitar Folio, Improvisations and Interpretations* by Kahn - Aebersold
- 2023-2024 *Freddie the Freeloader* from *The Wes Montgomery Guitar Folio, Improvisations and Interpretations* by Kahn - Aebersold

1. Play the etude as written.
2. Using chord changes from this etude, comp through the entire etude, in the style of the piece, with no melody (as if backing up a soloist on another instrument).
  - a. For the first chorus, comp in the Freddie Green/Count Basie style.
  - b. For remaining choruses, comp with free rhythmic interpretation.
3. This portion of the audition will be performed without CD accompaniment.
4. Students must provide their own patch cords and guitar tuner.

AND

- 2021-2022 *Two Plus Two* (H=99) from *Jazz Conception* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
- 2022-2023 *Autumn* from *Jazz Conception* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
- 2023-2024 *Tunisia* from *Jazz Conception* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

1. Use this track as a play-along for improvisation
2. Improvise right from the beginning of the track for 4 choruses total.
3. This portion of the audition will be performed with CD accompaniment
4. *NOTE:* If you turn the balance on your stereo to the left, the solo line will be eliminated allowing you to be the soloist.

### JAZZ PIANO

- 2021-2022 *Bye Bye Blackbird* from The Wynton Kelly Collection - Muller/pub. Aebersold
- 2022-2023 *Oleo* from The Wynton Kelly Collection - Muller/pub. Aebersold
- 2023-2024 *No Blues* from The Wynton Kelly Collection - Muller/pub. Aebersold

1. Play solo etude as written
2. Using the chord changes from the same solo etude, comp through the entire etude using both hands, in the style of the piece, with no melody, as if backing up a soloist on



another instrument

3. This portion of the audition will be performed without CD accompaniment

AND

2021-2022 *Two Plus Two* (H=99) from *Jazz Conception* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred  
2022-2023 *Autumn* from *Jazz Conception* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred  
2023-2024 *Tunisia* from *Jazz Conception* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

1. Use this track as a play along for improvisation.
2. Improvise right from the beginning of the track for 4 choruses total.
3. Improvise solo in right hand, comp in left hand.
4. This portion of the audition will be performed with CD accompaniment.
5. *NOTE:* If you turn the balance on your stereo to the left, the solo line will be eliminated allowing you to be the soloist.

#### JAZZ BASS

2021-2022 *Visitation* (Q=156) from *The Music of Paul Chambers* by Jim Stinnet - Aebersold  
2022-2023 *It's a Blue World* from *The Music of Paul Chambers* by Jim Stinnet - Aebersold  
2023-2024 *Stella by Starlight* from *The Bass Tradition* by Coolman - Aebersold

1. Play the etude as written.
2. Using chord changes from this etude, create an original walking bass line over the entire etude, in the appropriate style, as if backing up a soloist on another instrument.
3. This portion of the audition will be performed without CD accompaniment.
4. Bass players may audition on either acoustic or electric bass.

AND

2021-2022 *Two Plus Two* (H=99) from *Jazz Conception* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred  
2022-2023 *Autumn* from *Jazz Conception* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred  
2023-2024 *Tunisia* from *Jazz Conception* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

1. Use this track as a play-along for improvisation.
2. Improvise right from the beginning of the track for 4 choruses total.
3. This portion of the audition will be performed with CD accompaniment.
4. *NOTE:* If you turn the balance on your stereo to the left, the solo line will be eliminated allowing you to be the soloist.

#### JAZZ VIBES

2021-2022 *Bye Bye Blackbird* from The Wynton Kelly Collection - Muller/pub. Aebersold  
2022-2023 *Oleo* from The Wynton Kelly Collection - Muller/pub. Aebersold  
2023-2024 *No Blues* from The Wynton Kelly Collection - Muller/pub. Aebersold

1. Play solo, melodic top staff only.
2. Using the chord changes from the same solo etude, comp through the entire etude using both hands, in the style of the piece, with no melody, as if backing up a soloist on another instrument
3. This portion of the audition will be performed without CD accompaniment

AND

2021-2022 *Two Plus Two* (H=99) from *Jazz Conception* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

2022-2023 *Autumn* from *Jazz Conception* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred  
2023-2024 *Tunisia* from *Jazz Conception* by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

1. Use this track as a play along for improvisation.
2. Improvise right from the beginning of the track for 4 choruses total.
3. Improvise a solo, only; no comping.
4. This portion of the audition will be performed with CD accompaniment.
5. **NOTE:** If you turn the balance on your stereo to the left, the solo line will be eliminated allowing you to be the soloist.

### JAZZ DRUMS

2021-2022 *Basie Straight Ahead* (Q=200) from *The Ultimate Drumset Reading Anthology for the Working Drummer* by Steve Houghton - Alfred  
2022-2023 *Coffee and Castanets* from *Studio and Big Band Drumming* by Steve Houghton - Barnhouse  
2023-2024 *Mambo de Memo* from *The Ultimate Drumset Reading Anthology* by Steve Houghton - Alfred

1. Play the etude as written. **Please play the transcription, NOT the lead sheet.**
2. This portion of the audition will be performed without CD accompaniment.

### **Improvisation Requirement – Jazz Drums**

1. At quarter note = 110, trade fours for a total of 24 measures.
2. Play swing time for four measures, then solo for four measures.
3. Repeat this sequence three times for a total of 24 measures.
4. **Repeat steps 1 thru 3 at J = 200**

### **Supplemental Requirement – Jazz Drums**

*Be prepared to play the following:*

1. 16 bars of time in a **Latin Style** (bossa nova or samba are acceptable)
2. 8 bars of time in a **Funk Style** (J = 110)
3. 8 bars of time in a **Jazz Ballad Style** using brushes (J = 60)