

# El Camino College

## Jazz Band Auditions - Spring 14

Auditions for both **JAZZ ONE/MUSIC 267** (formerly the Jazz Big Band) and **JAZZ TWO/MUSIC 266** (formerly the Dance Big Band) will **BOTH** take place in the ECC Band Room (AUD 130) on **WEDNESDAY, JAN 22nd @7:00 -9:30pm**. Please initially register online for the class you wish to take. ***Please arrive ready to play promptly at 7:00pm.*** After the audition, results will be posted both via email and in the band room regarding personnel for both bands. Please note this practice is being initiated to group student performers according to similar levels.

### **The Audition Process:**

Students are not required to prepare any music. Students will sight-read standard jazz big band music (one person to a part) in a full ensemble setting. **Placements are determined by skill level as opposed to individual student schedules.** (Please make sure that you are available to meet for the entire class time). Please email ***Dr. Chris Mello*** ([cmello@elcamino.edu](mailto:cmello@elcamino.edu)) with questions. Acceptance and chair placement will be determined according to the following criteria:

**Horns:** *Tone, Sight-Reading Ability, Stylistic Approach, and Jazz Improvisation.*

**Rhythm Section:** *Feel, Groove, Sight-Reading Ability, Chordal Knowledge, Jazz Improvisation*

### ***About the ECC Ensembles....***

#### **JAZZ BAND ENSEMBLE: MU 267 (ECC JAZZ ONE):**

JAZZ ONE is El Camino College's flagship Jazz ensemble and meets Wed. nights 6 - 9:10pm.. It is a competitive large ensemble designed to prepare advanced music students for working in professional musical situations. Repertoire focuses on a variety of Big Band stylistic periods with a central focus on contemporary Jazz Big Band arrangements. Jazz One will perform concerts on and off campus and compete in festivals. Repertoire will draw from resources such as: Thad Jones/Mel Lewis Big Band, Stan Kenton Band, Mingus Big Band, Big Phat Band, UNT One O'Clock Jazz Band, Clayton-Hamilton Big Band, Maria Schneider Jazz Orchestra, John Daversa Big Band, and others.



***Jazz Festivals!***

#### **BIG BAND JAZZ: MU266 (ECC JAZZ TWO):**

JAZZ TWO is El Camino College's preparatory Jazz ensemble and meets Mon. nights 6:30 - 10:05pm. Formerly, the Dance Band, it will perform concerts each semester on campus. This ensemble focuses on introducing intermediate music students to the standard big band repertoire, section playing, ensemble blend, and developing stylistic jazz interpretation skills. Repertoire will draw from resources such as: Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Woody Herman, Fletcher Henderson, Sammy Nestico, and other composers of the Swing-era period.

