



**presents**

**THE MASSACHUSETTS  
STATE JAZZ BAND FINALS  
March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**DIVISION I**

**Coakley Middle School  
1315 Washington Street  
Norwood, MA 02062**

**Division II**

**Norwood High School  
245 Nichols Street  
Norwood, MA 02062**



# MAJE STATE FINALS DIVISION I

## Franklin High School 11:00 AM

Franklin High School Jazz Band ..... Leighanne Rudsit  
*Impressions* ..... John Coltrane arr. Mark Taylor  
*Spring Can Really Hang You Up the Most* ..... arr. Frank Mantooth  
*Congo Mulence* .....;..... A.K. Salim

## Needham High School 11:30 AM

Needham High School Jazz Ensemble ..... Spencer Parrish  
*La Fiesta* ..... Chick Corea arr Michael Philip Mossman  
*Windsoar* ..... Tia Fuller arr. Shamie Royston  
*T.O.P. Adjacent* ..... Gordon Goodwin

## Reading Memorial High School 12:00 PM

Reading Memorial High School Jazz Ensemble ..... Joseph Mulligan  
*Vine Street Rumble* ..... Benny Carter  
*I Remember Clifford* ..... Benny Golson  
*Lindy Hopper's Delight* ..... Eddie Barefield and Teddy McRae

## **Natick High School 12:30 PM**

Natick High School Jazz Ensemble ..... Craig Chisholm  
*Quadrille, Anyone?* ..... Toshiko Akiyoshi  
*Stapes* ..... Frank Mantooth  
*Bird Count* ..... Maria Schneider

## **Boston Latin School 1:00 PM**

Boston Latin School Jazz Ensemble ..... Paul Pitts and Dennison Blackett  
*Nostalgia in Times Square* ..... Charles Mingus arr. Ronnie Carter  
*Across the Track Blues* ..... Duke Ellington arr. Brent Wallara  
*Congo Mulence* .....;..... A.K. Salim arr. Chris Crenshaw

## **Newton South High School 1:30 PM**

Newton South High School Jazz Ensemble ..... Lisa Linde  
*Big Dipper* ..... Thad Jones  
*Blue Goose* ..... Duke Ellington  
*Nostalgia in Times Square* ..... Charles Mingus arr. Ronnie Carter

## **Oliver Ames High School 2:00 PM**

<u>Oliver Ames High School Jazz Ensemble</u> .....	Jeff Benson
<i>Tribute</i> .....	Bob Mintzer
<i>Always and Forever</i> .....	Pat Metheny arr Bob Curnow
<i>Samba del Gringo</i> .....	Gordon Goodwin

## **Algonquin High School 2:30 AM**

<u>Algonquin High School Jazz I</u> .....	Eric Vincent
<i>Big Dipper</i> .....	Thad Jones
<i>Native Sons</i> .....	Jeff Jarvis
<i>Recordame</i> .....	Joe Henderson arr. Eric Richards

## **Foxboro High School 3:00 PM**

<u>Foxboro High School Jazz Ensemble</u> .....	Aaron W. Bush
<i>Portrait of Sidney Bechet</i> .....	Duke Ellington
<i>Long Time Ago</i> .....	Bob Mintzer
<i>Anitra's Dance</i> .....	Duke Ellington & Billy Strayhorn

# MAJE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2022-2023

## *Paul Pitts*



Paul has been a music educator in Massachusetts for the last forty-five years beginning his career in teaching with The Boston Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corp in 1978. Since then, he has been the Band Director at Westwood High School, Director of Bands at Oliver Ames High School, Director of Music at Nashoba Regional High School and he is currently retired as Fine Arts Director at the Boston Latin School. Paul has always been a strong advocate for jazz education wherever he has taught. While at Oliver Ames, he produced several award winning junior and senior high school jazz ensembles receiving numerous gold medal ratings at the district and state level. Oliver Ames placed second in Division II at the **Berklee High School Jazz Festival** in 1992. In 1993 Paul went to Nashoba Regional to be the Director of Bands for the entire School district where he once again was a strong advocate for jazz education. Paul has been serving as a member of the state chapter of MAJE since 1999. During his tenure at Nashoba Regional, the jazz ensembles received superior ratings at Musicfest Orlando 1994, first place superior ratings for two Jazz Bands in AAA and AA divisions, Festivals of Music, Montreal 1995, and at the Heritage Festival in Washington, D.C. 1996. His Nashoba bands received gold and silver medal ratings at the MAJE State Finals from 1994 -1998 and were Gold Medalist at MAJE Central District 1995 - 1998. He was awarded the **Lowell Mason Award in 1995** by the MMEA for leadership in music education.

In 1999 he returned to his alma mater, The Boston Latin School to be the director of Fine Arts. Over the last twenty years at the Boston Latin School, he has grown the music program to over one thousand and fifty students in year long classes during the school day. He recently retired from BLS where he supervised six concert bands, two jazz ensembles, a jazz combo, seven orchestras, nine choirs, nine full-time arts staff and eleven adjunct faculty members. **Boston Latin School received a Grammy Signature School Award in 2005 for excellence in music education.** When Paul moved to Boston Latin School, he also took over

the leadership of the State Jazz Education Association from 1999 to 2002 and again in 2015 through 2019. While at Latin School numerous students have graduated to attend the Berklee College of music, with many of them receiving full scholarships. Many more have gone on to prestigious colleges and continued to play music, which is something that Mr. Pitts strongly encourages for all of his students. The Big Band at Boston Latin School has been a perennial gold medalist at the MAJE state finals receiving many Gold Medal ratings from 2001-2022. The BLS Big Band placed **First in the Berklee High School Jazz Festival in Division I in 2007**. They have also won the **Charles Mingus High School festival in New York City in 2013, 2018 and 2020**. They received the Mingus Spirit Award in 2019. In 2020 they were a **semi-finalist in the Essentially Ellington Festival**. The BLS Big Band has performed for many jazz greats such as Roy Haynes, Greg Hopkins, Gunther Schuller, Wynton Marsialles, Sy Johnson, Nat Hentoff, Bill Pierce, Harold Maybern, and Wayne Naus to name a few. Paul was awarded the **John LaPorta Jazz Educator of the Year** award in 2020 from The Jazz Education Network and Berklee College of Music .

Paul would like to thank all of the other music teachers and administrations that have helped him share his love of music and provide quality music education for the students at Boston Latin, Nashoba Regional and Oliver Ames High School. He would also like to thank the thousands of student musicians he has had the privilege of working with over the years.

## ***Following Events at Norwood High School***

**Jeff Holmes Big Band 4:30 PM**

**MAJE Lifetime Achievement Award  
Presentation 5:15 PM**

**Division I & II Awards 5:30 PM**

# MAJE STATE FINALS DIVISION II

## Oliver Ames High School 11:30 AM

<u>Oliver Ames High School Friday Jazz Band</u> .....	Peter da Silva
<i>Alberta's Rules of Order</i> .....	Terry White
<i>Prayer Meetin'</i> .....	Matt Harris
<i>The Defibrillator</i> .....	Adrien Re

## Nipmuc Regional High School 12:00 PM

<u>Nipmuc Regional High School Jazz Ensemble</u> .....	Simon Harding
<i>Apollo's Reel</i> .....	Tom Molter
<i>Ruby My Dear</i> .....	arr. John Fedchock
<i>Oclupaca</i> .....	arr. Michael Mossman

## Foxboro High School 12:30 PM

<u>Foxboro High School Jazz Lab Band</u> .....	Aaron W. Bush
<i>Straight No Chaser</i> .....	Thelonious Monk arr. Mark Taylor
<i>Cold Duck Time</i> .....	Eddie Harris arr. Mark Taylor
<i>Lester Leaps In</i> .....	Lester Young arr. Mark Taylor



## **Ayer Shirley High School 1:00 PM**

Ayer-Shirley Jazz Band ..... Michael Powderly  
*Double Play* ..... Carl Strommen  
*If I Could Fly* ..... Mike Smukal  
*Little Sunflower* ..... Freddie Hubbard arr. Mike Kamuf

## **Ipswich High School 1:30 PM**

Ipswich High School Jazz Ensemble .. Sean Lee Assistant James Fremont-Smith  
*So Easy* ..... Tadd Dameron arr Mark Lopeman  
*Isfahan* ..... Ellington and Strayhorn arr Berger and Lopeman  
*So May It Secretly Begin* ..... Pat Metheny arr. Bob Curnow

## **Oakmont Regional High School 2:00 PM**

Oakmont Regional High School Jazz Ensemble ..... Kris DeMoura  
*Things Ain't What They Used To Be* ..... Mercer Ellington arr Alan Baylock  
*My Foolish Heart* ..... Washington and Young arr. Dave Rivello  
*Recorda Me* ..... Joe Henderson arr Mike Kamuf

## **Blackstone Regional High School 2:30 PM**

Blackstone Regional High School Jazz Ensemble ..... Nicholas Marcotte  
*Basie Straight Ahead* ..... Sammy Nestico  
*Back in Time* ..... Pat Metheny arr. Bob Curnow  
*Samba Dees Godda Do It* ..... Tom Kubis

## **Medfield High School 3:00 PM**

Medfield High School Jazz Ensemble ..... Ryan Dexter  
*Symphony in Riffs* ..... Benny Carter  
*Always and Forever* ..... Pat Metheny arr Bob Curnow  
*Royal Garden Blues* ..... Clarence Williams & Spencer Williams arr Strayhorn

## **The Rivers School 3:30 PM**

The Rivers Honors Big Band ..... Philippe Crettien  
*Topsy* ..... Edger William and Eddie Durham  
*Until Again* ..... Joe Nedder  
*El Caborojeno* ..... Bob Mintzer

## **Hopkinton High School 4:00 PM**

<u>Hopkinton High School Jazz Ensemble</u> .....	Jeremy Dodge
<i>Easy Money</i> .....	Benny Carter
<i>Ain't Misbehavin'</i> .....	Waller aar. Quincy Jones
<i>Trofeo Be Bolos</i> .....	Craig Skeffington

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# UPCOMING MAJE EVENTS IN 2023

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<b>Choir / Combo</b>	<b>4/29/23 Saturday</b>	<b>Wellesley HS</b>
<b>Southeast Jr.</b>	<b>5/4/23 Thursday</b>	<b>Oliver Ames HS</b>
<b>Northeast Jr.</b>	<b>5/9/23 Tuesday</b>	<b>Reading HS</b>
<b>Central Jr.</b>	<b>5/10/23 Wednesday</b>	<b>Trottier MS</b>
<b>Gold Medal Showcase</b>	<b>5/7/23 Sunday</b>	<b>Hatch Shell Esplanade</b>

Thank you to today's judges.  
MAJE Chief Judge Paul Alberta

**Division II**  
**Jeff Holmes**  
**Nate Jorgenson**  
**Dave Spony**

**Division I**  
**Tom Lizotte**  
**Craig Skeffington**  
**Terry White**

Thank you to Steve Conant and the Norwood Parents Music Association for hosting the MAJE State Finals