



COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION, FINE ARTS AND MEDIA SCHOOL OF MUSIC

THE 52nd UNO GREAT PLAINS JAZZ FESTIVAL Wycliffe Gordon and the UNO Jazz Ensemble Great Plains Great Big Band featuring Willie Murillo, Rick Hirsch, Jose Valentino, Andre Hayward, Lonnie Easter, Bryan Davis and more!

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Friday, February 23, 2024: all activities at UNO's Strauss Performing Arts Center & Student Center

8:00 A.M.-7:30 P.M. School performances and clinics in UNO's Strauss Performing Arts Center. General clinic sessions and professional/collegiate exhibition performances in Milo Bail Student Center

12:00 P.M. **Concert featuring Jose Valentino & The UNO Jazz Ensemble**

8:00 P.M. **Great Plains Great Big Band; Metropolitan Area Youth Jazz Orchestra (MAYJO)**
Friday Awards Ceremony **SOLD OUT** [Click Here to be placed on waiting list](#)

Saturday, February 24, 2024: all activities at Holland Performing Arts Center-13th and Douglas

8:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M. School performances and clinics

3:30 P.M. **CLINIC** presented by **Wycliffe Gordon**

4:30 P.M. **UNO Jazz Too** with **Festival Adjudicators**; Saturday Awards Ceremony

8:00 P.M. **Metropolitan Area Youth Jazz Orchestra** with **Festival Adjudicators**; **UNO Jazz Ensemble** with **Wycliffe Gordon** **SOLD OUT** [Click Here to be placed on waiting list](#)

FRIDAY UNO PERFORMANCE VENUES

Friday school performances/clinics will take place in the Strauss Performing Arts Center; dedicated general clinic room & pro/collegiate exhibition performance room in Milo Bail Student Center! Most middle schools, Jazz II's, and small high schools will perform in Strauss's new Recital Hall. Most large high schools will perform in Strauss's newly renovated Concert Hall.

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

Performance venues: *4-piece drum set, vibes, bass and guitar amps, congas, piano, sound system

Clinic room: *4-piece drum set, bass and guitar amps, piano

Warm up room: *4-piece drum set (Friday only), bass & guitar amps, piano

*snare, bass, 2 toms, high hat stand, 2 cymbal stands, bass drum pedal, throne, and snare stand

You must bring your own cymbals! *If you need vibes in the clinic/warm up room, you must bring your own.*

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED (CONTINUED)

To ensure the operation of a smooth festival ALL BANDS MUST use the rhythm section equipment provided in the performance venue. Your cooperation is appreciated.

LOCATION

Friday activities will be in the Strauss Performing Arts Center & Milo Bail Student Center on the UNO campus. Saturday activities will be held at the Holland Performing Arts Center in Downtown Omaha (13th & Douglas).

RATINGS

Ratings of Superior (I), Excellent (II), and Fair (III) will be awarded to each band participating in the competition.

COMMENTS ONLY

All Bands have the option of performing for comments only. Please note your preference on the application.

AWARDS

1. All groups receiving a rating of I or II will receive a Plaque
2. Individuals from each group will be eligible for:
Outstanding Soloist Certificates and Outstanding Musicianship Certificates

SCHEDULE

Ensembles will have 30 minutes to perform which includes set-up and tear-down. Groups going over the limit will be stopped. All requests for special consideration in arranging the schedule will be honored to the degree that is possible. If problems arise, please contact Pete Madsen at 402-312-7135 or petermadsen@unomaha.edu.

CLINICS

Each band will receive a 30-minute clinic with a festival adjudicator immediately following their performance. General clinic sessions will be presented by Festival Adjudicators (Friday) and Wycliffe Gordon (Saturday)

ENTRY FEE

\$250 per performing ensemble. The entry fee is not refundable for any reason, including weather related cancellation on the part of the school or the UNO Jazz Festival.

HEADLINER CONCERT TICKETS

The Great Plains Great Big Band and MAYJO Friday, February 23, 8:00pm Strauss Performing Arts Center
Wycliffe Gordon, MAYJO, and UNO Jazz Ensemble Saturday, February 24, 8:00pm Holland Center

Tickets for both concerts are \$15 general public/\$7.50 students and band directors

Tickets ARE FREE for students, families and band directors from schools that are 50% or more free/reduced lunch

Tickets are available online at music.unomaha.edu/jazz-festival

Ticket purchases are not refundable for any reason, including weather cancellation on the part of the school or festival.

BOTH CONCERTS ARE SOLD OUT: [Click Here to be placed on waiting list](#)

CONTACT: Pete Madsen 402-554-2297 (office) or 402-312-7135 (cell) or petermadsen@unomaha.edu

REGISTRATION: Registration will be online at music.unomaha.edu/jazz-festival. Registration deadline is December 5 or when filled. *Note: the festival usually fills by early November!*

AA/EEO institution. For special needs, please contact Anne Heimann, Disability Services Specialist (402) 554-2872. TTY: (402) 554-3799

UNO Jazz Festival 2024 Guest Artist/Adjudicator Bios
Click on Hyperlink for Bios

[Wycliffe Gordon](#), Trombone – Yamaha Performing Artist and Jazz at Lincoln Center Alumnus

[The Big Bad Bones](#) Summit Recording Artists

[Great Plains Great Big Band](#) All Star Big Band

[Rick Hirsch](#), Saxophone – State College, PA Composer/Arranger and Founder of [Hirsch Music](#)

[Jose Valentino](#), Saxophone/Flute/Bass - University of Florida

[Dr. Lonnie Easter II](#), Saxophone - University of Oklahoma

[Willie Murillo](#), Trumpet - L.A. Studio Musician

[Bryan Davis](#), Trumpet – New York Freelancer and The 8-Bit Big Band

Quentin Volk, Trumpet – Minneapolis Freelancer and Executive Director of Eau Claire Jazz, Inc.

[Andre Hayward](#), Trombone – Jazz at Lincoln Center Alumnus and San Francisco Conservatory

[Brett Stamps](#), Trombone – Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Professor Emeritus

[Steve Wilson](#), Bass Trombone – University of Texas at El Paso

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