



Dear Jazz Level I Students and Parents,

We are pleased that your student will be attending NOCCA this fall. Your student should report for Prelude, NOCCA's orientation, on **Wednesday, August 17th, at 4:00 pm**. Do not bring instruments on August 17th. The first day of class will be **Thursday, August 18th, 4:00 pm for Level I**. Students who are due at NOCCA at 4:00 p.m. may arrive no earlier than 3:30 p.m. Students who arrive early must wait in the canteen or breezeway. This time period must be used to do homework or other school assignments until classes start at 4:00 p.m. All students are responsible for transportation to and from NOCCA.

During the first day of school, each student will be assigned an interim schedule for the first three-week period. Students who are not present on Thursday, August 18th will jeopardize their chances of success for the first semester at NOCCA. The interim schedule will remain effective until Decision Day (**September 2nd**). At this time, students who have not met the course requirements during the probation period will be released to their partner school schedule with no grade penalty. Students who have met the requirements to end probation status will be given permanent schedules. It may become necessary to make other schedule adjustments during the school year as we become better acquainted with the respective students' abilities.

Every student will be held accountable for attendance and class assignments throughout the day. There will be no time for inactivity during the school day at NOCCA. No student may leave campus during school hours without a parent/guardian's written consent. If any student leaves the campus without prior permission from the office, it is grounds for suspension or expulsion.

#### **FRIDAY PERFORMANCE CLASS 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

Each Friday there is a performance forum referred to as "Performance Class." Jazz Instrumental, Vocal, and Classical Instrumental students present well-prepared performances in preparation for recital and concert performances. Parents and friends are invited to these weekly presentations. All students will be dismissed at 5:00 p.m. except Level I who continue until 6:30. On rare occasions, the performances will run beyond 5 p.m., should this happen, students are expected to stay until all performers have been heard. **Every music student is required to attend Performance Class each week.**



#### **4:00 – 6:30 PM WEEKLY SESSION LEVEL I**

Level I: This schedule carries two units of credit. Level I is an introduction to the NOCCA curriculum. Each day for Level I classes consists of one hour of Theory/Ear Training and one hour of Applied Jazz (combo). **Level I students will be required to attend Performance Class each Friday from 4:00 – 5:00 and to resume their normal daily schedule afterward.** Level 1 students will be released from school at 6:30 p.m. each Friday. Successful completion of Level 1 entitles a student to enter Level II the following year.

**Each student is required to have weekly lessons from a private teacher. The NOCCA Institute provides financial aid for private lessons to families that qualify.**

#### **STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

##### **Private Instrumental Instruction**

Instrumental students will be required to have weekly private lessons on their instruments. Failure to maintain regular instruction for a period of three or more weeks will be grounds for expulsion from the program.

##### **Instrument Maintenance**

Each student must have an instrument of his/her own or dedicated to his/her exclusive use. The instrument must be maintained in working condition, with any necessary repairs completed promptly.

##### **Required Materials**

Each student should have the following:

- metronome
- folder with dividers for each course
- dependable supply of pencils

We welcome all returning and new students and look forward to seeing you for an exciting new school year at NOCCA.

Sincerely,

Michael Peller  
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Dear Jazz Instrumental Level II-IV Students,

We are pleased that your student will be attending NOCCA for the 2016-17 school year. Your student should report for Prelude, NOCCA's orientation, on **Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm**. The first day of classes is on **Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 pm**. Students who are due at NOCCA at 1:15 pm may arrive no earlier than 12:30 p.m. However, students who arrive early must wait in the canteen or breezeway. This time period must be used to do homework or other school assignments until classes start at 1:15 pm. All students are responsible for transportation to and from NOCCA.

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Every student will be held accountable for attendance and class assignments throughout the day. **There will be no time for inactivity during the school day at NOCCA.** No student may leave campus during school hours without a parent/guardian's written consent. If any student leaves the campus without prior permission from the administrative office, it is grounds for suspension or expulsion.

### **Friday Performance Class 4:00-5:00 pm**

Each Friday, there is a performance forum referred to as "Performance Class." Jazz Instrumental, Vocal, and Classical Instrumental students present well-prepared performances in preparation for recital and concert performances. Parents and friends are invited to these weekly presentations. All students will be dismissed at 5:00 pm except Level I who continue until 6:30 pm. On rare occasions, the performances will run beyond 5 pm. Should this happen, students are expected to stay until all performers have been heard. **Every music student is required to attend Performance Class each week.**

### **Weekly Session**

Levels II-IV students assigned to the 1:15 pm session will take a three-unit course of study prescribed by the faculty to include core courses, applied music, and ensembles, with a normal dismissal time of 3:45 pm. Extra practice hours and private lesson times may occur after these hours.

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**NOTE:** To comply with the prescribed coursework, we will require these students to adapt to a varying schedule that occasionally will keep them on campus later than 3:45 pm. This extra time may be used for rehearsals or special presentations (in addition to the Performance Class time already noted).

The curriculum at NOCCA is intensive. This will serve your child in preparation for the increasingly competitive and rigorous realities facing student musicians who are interested in pursuing a life in performance or teaching, whether at the college level or professionally.

## **Students' Responsibilities**

### **Private Instrumental Instruction**

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### **Instrument Maintenance**

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### **Required Materials**

Each student should have the following on the first day of class:

- Metronome
- three-ring binder with dividers for each course
- dependable supply of pencils

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Sincerely,

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