## GET HT AND KEEP IT: Building, Supporting, Maintaining your JAZZ program

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### MidWest Clinic '06— Session Overview:

- Why teach JAZZ?
- **Building the program**
- Maintaining the program
- Supporting the program

  Parent group

  Community involvement

  Media relations = visibility

Other...

## Why Teach JAZZ?

America's Heritage	Recruit & Retain	Cultural fusions
Diversity	History	Improv
Standards- Creativity	Needed in comp curric K-12	Fun!

### Dr. Tim says "GOALS...

- Must be specific
- Must be realistic
- Must match our values
- Create visualization in detail
- Must be measurable

- Read and review daily
- Strive for excellence
- Are we worth our weight in goals?

# Getting started... foundations for instruction

- Assess ensemble
- Meet them where they are and GO!
- Establish practice routine
- Prepare calendar of events
- Repertoire selection, variety a must! For festivals= swing, ballad, rock/latin
- Include old/new/favorites
- Perform EARLY in the year
- Establish parent org. meeting schedule
- Other expectations...

#### Student contact time=Set goals

How often does the group rehearse?

When? How long?

**AVERAGE JAZZ TRENDS IN SCHOOLS (WB)** 

High School = 3

Middle School = 2

30% during, 35% before, 25% after

Plan literature accordingly...set goals-

## Comprehensive teaching

- Comprehensive jazz ed. Incorporates listening, history, style...
- Music selection critical
- Be prepared-PLAN!
- Utilize sectionals/leadership
- Give students recordings originals/arrangement

- Pay attention to all of it, dynamics, balance, pitch, articulations, style, feel!
- Tape rehearsals and critique together
- Ignite passion
- Extra credit for attending live concerts, reports on jazz

artists = FUN!

Panel suggestions....

# HOW MUCH \$\$\$ DOES IT TAKE?



- **EST \$ BUDGET & GOALS**
- **SCHOOL BUDGETS-**
- **№ LIBRARY BUDGET=CD'S**
- **\*** FUNDRAISING
- PERFORM FOR \$\$\$
- **PARENTS**
- **≽** PR!!!
- DONATION LETTERS
- **PANEL SUGGESTIONS**

# Resource Allocation & Revenue---Fundraising

- We all need \$\$\$!
- Go for items of biggest profit
- Solicit donations through letters and ads
- Showcase concerts, invite BOE
- Parent projects

- Trust parent leaders
- Don't get in the waybut don't let the tail wag the dog
- Main responsibility is in education
- **b** Other

# External Motivation & Experiences Get the beat with Bob!

- Private Lessons
- Camps
- Mentoring/Jam sessions
- All Star groups
- Kicks Bands
- Garage Bands
- **&** Church

- All-City, District, All-State experiences
- Clinics/Festivals
- Guest Artists
- Listening opportunities
- Panel Suggestions

### WHAT'S HOT!!!

- Wusical & historical legacy!
- 😼 Jazz Camps
- **Wentors**
- Kicks Concerts
- **& Garage Bands**
- **& Guitar Clubs**
- Attending live jazz events!
- Jazz Festivals!

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- & Combos
- & Jammin'
- & E-jammin'
- JAM=April

Other...

# Practical & Philosophical ??? Ronnie's rap...

- TO COMPETE OR NOT TO COMPETE?
- TO TRAVEL OR NOT TO TRAVEL?
- IMPROV OR WRITTEN SOLOS?
- INCLUSIVE INSTRUMENTATION?
- ARE PREREQUISITES LIMITING?
- CONSISTENT LITERATURE STANDARDS
- Expectations of YOU/JOB
- Your expectations of students
- Student/Parent expectations
- Communicate
- Assess



#### ADVOCACY & SUPPORT GROUPS

Get them on board...

Students
Parents
Administration
Board of Education\*
Community
Media
Advocacy groups

legislative



#### Green's Great Ideas

- Build your TEAM—Players, Parent, school & Community
- Improve the Efficiencies of YOURSELF and YOUR GROUP
- Prior Preparation Prevents Poor Performance
- Use your associative knowledge to span the gaps
- Use your ENERGY to produce the desired SYNERGY

# MEDIA RESOURCES John's Daybreakers:

- Video Performances
- **№ 1.Local Cable Television** No Cost
- Videotape on Location (school auditorium)
- **Variable** Personnel
- One camera man (staff member, student, parent)
- **Equipment Needs**
- One Camera
- Microphone and Cable
- Tripod
- Videotape
- Editing
- Show directly from video
- Student or Parent editing

#### John's Daybreakers

- 2. Public Television Station
- Videotape at Television Studio
- Personnel
- Public Television Station Staff
- Equipment Needs
- All equipment supplied by station
- **Editing**
- All editing done by station staff
- Editing on Computer (do it yourself)
- Two digital video editing program websites
- Avid.com
- Adobe Premier.com
- Source of Information and Guidance
- National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA)
  Illinois School Public Relations Association (INSPRA)

No Cost (sponsored production)





- Like building a business
- Establish yourself in school, community & prof. organizations
- Utilize all relationships
- Be an opportunist and your students will benefit!

# On-line resources...www.

- smithsonianjazz.org
- laje.org
- SupportMusic.com NAMM
- jazzintheschools.org NEA
- Ntjazz.com New Trier HS
- Gotjazz.org JAI
- IntheChair.com
- Workshoplive.com/playfree
- My website! +FA Board ppt. + Passion for Arts Career ppt.
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Can't find it? GOOGLE IT!

### Papich'isms

- Better to ask forgiveness than permission!
- It's gotta be fun! Enjoy it all!
- What is hip?
- Take time for YOU to revitalize...nurture the spirit.
- It's only a job...
- Inclusivity rather than exclusivity!
- Be a self-proclaimed opportunist!
- Honor the past, embrace the future.
- Panel.....memorable words of wisdom?
- Nurture the student with the natural gift....BB.

## Teaching LIFESKILLS via band

- Individual Life skills
- Character building skills
- Team building skills
- Work skills
- Communication skills
- Advocate Transference

# Learning for Life Abilities A vision for learners

- Complex thinkers
- **Effective Communicators**
- Caring and Understanding People
- Responsible Citizens
- Demonstrate
  Personal Wellness
- Care for Human Spirit

- District 113
  Long range plan
- THIS IS WHO WE
  WANT STUDENTS TO
  BE IN ORDER TO LIVE
  FULL, PRODUCTIVE
  LIVES.

creativity and use of imagination are essential to our well-beings as humans on the planet earth. D. Abersold

With a little nurturing from us, kids truly are boundless in their creative potential. Jazz exalts the human spirit.

# Thanks for doing all that you do!



- **&** Stay tuned....
- 🖖 Keep swingin'!
- Jt JS a wonderful world!

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