



Dear Director,

It is our pleasure to announce the third annual Commencement Bay Jazz Festival hosted by Fife High School in partnership with the City of Fife and the FHS Booster Club. This festival will be a multi-stage event serving both vocal and instrumental high school jazz ensembles. The festival is divisional and competitive.

We are very excited to introduce our adjudicator and performer line-up. They are among the finest jazz educators in the region and the world. Adjudicating for the instrumental festival will be **Jim Sisko**, acclaimed trumpeter and Director of the instrumental music program at Bellevue College; **Chris Bruya**, retired Director of Jazz Studies at Central Washington University; **Brian Kirk**, Professor of Jazz, Electronic Music, Music Theory, and Percussion at Seattle Central College; and **David Deacon-Joyner**, pianist, composer, and professor of jazz studies with over 30 years of experience at the University of North Texas and Pacific Lutheran University. Adjudicating for the vocal festival will be **Jeff Baker**, recording artist and former Director of Jazz and Contemporary Voice at Portland State University; **Dave Barduhn**, composer and instrumental and vocal jazz educator for over 30 years; and **Thomas Almli**, Director of Choral Music Activities and the vocal jazz ensemble "Celebration" at Bellevue College.

For the two separate evening finals concerts, we have the distinct pleasure to present two outstanding and world-renowned performers:

On our vocal stage, we are thrilled to welcome **Kerry Marsh and Julia Dollison!** Marsh and Dollison are acclaimed recording artists, educators, arrangers, performers, and publishers.

On our instrumental stage, we will be welcoming **The Northwest Jazz Conspiracy!** The Northwest Jazz Conspiracy is an exciting big band performing group based in Everett, Washington.

For more information on adjudicators and performers, as well as registration information, visit our website at www.commencementbayjazzfestival.com. Questions? Send us an e-mail at commbayjazz@gmail.com, a message through our website, or follow our new Facebook page for information.

We hope the Commencement Bay Jazz Festival will become an exciting and enriching annual experience for you and your musicians.

Sincerely,

Karl Sorensen, FHS Music Director
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