



# Mundelein High School Jazz Ensemble





Our administration



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To All Members of the Mundelein High School Band Program:

Congratulations to the Jazz Ensemble and your directors, Jerald Shelato and Andy Sturgeon, on your selection to perform at the 2020 Illinois Music Educators All-State Conference in Peoria. All of us at Mundelein High School are proud of your accomplishment and wish you the best in your performance.

Being selected for this elite group of student musicians from throughout the state is a testament to your hard work, your spirit of working together and your dedication to perfecting your talents. We at Mundelein High School could not be more proud of you!

On behalf of the Mundelein High School community and the Board of Education, we salute you and support your talents as you take part in this extra special event. With this high achievement you are role models for your classmates because of your drive, ambition and hard work. We hope you enjoy your experience, form new friendships and create many memories to share and hold for years to come.

Sincerely,

Kun h Myus Dr. Kevin Myers,

Superintendent of District 120 and 75

Dear Mundelein High School Band Members, Mr. Sturgeon and Mr. Shelato,

On behalf of the students and staff of Mundelein High School, congratulations on being invited to participate in this year's Illinois Music Education Conference. This invitation is a direct result of the hard work and accomplishments of each member of this jazz band. In short, it is a reflection of your commitment to excellence.

Having watched and listened to your past performances, I could not be more proud of the Mundelein High School Jazz Ensemble and the many individuals that have contributed to its success. I am looking forward to cheering you on at what I am sure will be a memorable performance.

It is a real sense of pride knowing that the MHS Jazz Ensemble has been honored with this significant musical accomplishment. Congratulations and thank you for your contributions to Mundelein High School.

One of your greatest fans,

Dr. Anthony Kroll, Principal of Mundelein High School

## Our performance

Title	Composer	Publisher   Year	MHS Soloists
Apollo's Reel	Tom Molter	Sierra Music Publication   2017	Mira Guiritan   tenor sax Garrett Munz   alto sax
Groovin' Hard	Don Menza, edited Jeffrey Sultanof and Rob Duboff	Jazz Lines Foundation   1970	Gareth Fullin   tenor sax Neil Martin   alto sax
Katy Do	Benny Carter	Sierra Music Publication   1960	Ryan Burns   trumpet Mira Guiritan   tenor sax
Pete Wheeler	Jacob Mann	Jacob Mann Music   2016	Garrett Munz   alto sax
A Potter's Song	Maria Schneider	Maria Schneider   2014	Samantha DeDominicis   flute Garrett Munz   soprano sax Keithen Hoferitza   trombone Ryan Burns   flugelhorn
Torque	Alan Baylock	Pro Jazz Charts   2014	Garrett Munz   soprano sax



66Being a member of the Mundelein Jazz Ensemble opens the door to creative opportunity. When you are part of this group, you are playing alongside friends who share that art at such a high level of performance. 99

—Mira Guiritan, junior

## Mundelein High School





66Mundelein High School offers so many opportunities. I feel like I have the freedom to explore my interests and figure out what I might want to pursue later in life. 99

-Ella Kasamis, sophomore



Mundelein High School is a comprehensive one-building district for grades 9-12. The district covers a 36-square-mile area and serves the needs of 2,043 students from Mundelein and surrounding communities. Mundelein is on Chicago's North Shore, about 40 miles north of Chicago.

In the fall of 2016, the high school opened its new building addition which includes a STEM lab, *Project Lead the Way*, a Business Incubator Laboratory and other features that prepare students for the future.

Recent graduates attend such prestigious schools as Harvard, Yale, Duke, Cornell, Boston College, University of Chicago, Stanford, Notre Dame, US Naval Academy, Tulane University, NYU, UC Berkeley, Syracuse, George Washington, Emory University and many others.



MHS offers more than 45 extracurricular programs, clubs and activities as well as a comprehensive athletic program with 31 varsity sports. Mundelein's highly-educated staff exhibits a commitment to quality education. Seventy-five percent of the staff have earned a master's degree or above.

MHS offers a wide range of challenging courses including honors and advanced placement courses open to all students. The District also provides special education services, ELL and bilingual courses. Qualified students may also take courses at the nearby College of Lake County and at the Lake County High Schools Technology Campus.



### Honors Jazz Ensemble

The Mundelein High School Honors Jazz Ensemble is one of two curricular jazz bands at the school. The ensemble meets daily during the school day and consists of students in grades 9-12. Students enrolled in the class earn honors credit.

Throughout the year the band performs over a dozen times at school, jazz festivals and jazz venues around the Chicagoland area. Within the past several years the band has performed at Fitzgerald's Nightclub in Berwyn, Durty Nellies in Palatine, and The Jazz Showcase in Chicago.

All Mundelein Jazz Ensemble students are expected to be familiar with performing within a variety of jazz styles ranging from the music of Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Charles Mingus, Don Ellis, Buddy Rich, Pat Metheny, and more. As part of the curriculum students perform and rehearse in combo settings, focusing on improvisation and arranging.

Twice each year the students engage in a student-directed project that takes a deep-dive into areas of jazz, musicianship, or technique to further their musical development. Some examples of recent jazz "projects" include: transcribing and performing Ray Brown's bass solo from *Things Ain't What They Used to Be*; learning Louis Armstrong's *West End Blues*; and arranging a Trombone Shorty piece for a small ensemble.



#### Concert bands

Mundelein High School offers four concert bands, which are the core of our band program. Students continue to develop the fundamental skills of instrumental performance through participation in these groups. Each concert band meets during one period of the school day during both fall and spring semesters. Enrollment in a concert band class is a prerequisite for participation in most other band program activities.

#### Jazz bands

Mundelein High School offers two jazz bands which are an important component of the MHS band program. Each jazz band rehearses for one class period and participates in concerts at the school and around the local community including the Mundelein Invitational, hosted annually by MHS Bands. Students must be enrolled in concert band in order to enroll in a jazz band.

#### **Marching Mustangs Band**

Marching Mustangs provide an opportunity for all MHS band students to perform together as one unit. The Marching Mustangs perform at each home football game as well as at two festivals each year and students must attend one week of Summer Marching Band Camp. Marching Band participation is required for all students enrolled in concert band classes. Students in Marching Band receive two semesters of P.E. credit for their participation. This credit does not waive the freshman health course requirement.

## Band students



Over 50% of MHS band students enrolled in at least one AP course. Collectively, 256 AP course enrollments are represented by concert band students.



Over 40% of MHS band students participate in a sport and are represented in all seasons (fall, winter and spring). 70% of band students participate in a club.



The simple GPA for MHS band students is 3.48 (MHS average is 2.99)

MHS BAND DATA FROM 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

at Mundelein is like a family, we all just laugh and have a good time playing fun music together.

-Ryan Burns, senior

#### MHS Band Directors



andy Sturgeon

Andy Sturgeon teaches the Honors Symphonic Winds and Freshmen Concert Band as well as the Honors Jazz Ensemble and Beginning Guitar classes. He also directs the Noise Show Choir combo and co-directs the Marching Mustangs and the Mundelein High School Pep Band.

Before coming to Mundelein High School, Mr. Sturgeon taught band in Evergreen Park, IL and worked with the Wheeling High School and John Hersey High School band programs in the northwest suburbs of Chicago.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Concordia University. Mr. Sturgeon is an active trombone player and played with the Northshore Concert Band for nine years.



Jerry Shelato teaches the Honors Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band classes as well as the Jazz Orchestra and Beginning and Intermediate Guitar classes. He also directs the pit orchestra for musicals and co-directs the Marching Mustangs and the Mundelein High School Pep Band.

Before coming to Mundelein High School, Mr. Shelato taught in the Champaign and Urbana school districts in Illinois. He holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Music Education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Mr. Shelato has performed with numerous bands, orchestras, and jazz ensembles and artists, including Wayne Shorter, John Patitucci, Brian Blade, the Illinois Jazz Orchestra, the Concert Band of Central Illinois, the Danville Symphony Orchestra, the North Suburban Wind Ensemble, and the avant-jazz group Ear Doctor. He is a proud resident of Mundelein, where he lives with his wife and family.





MHS JAZZ ENSEMBLE WITH GUEST VOCALIST KIM NAZARIAN FROM THE NEW YORK VOICES

## MHS Jazz Ensemble

Saxophones

Samantha DeDominicis, alto

Gareth Fullin, tenor

Mira Guiritan, tenor

Neil Martin, alto

Garrett Munz. alto

Elias Photopoulos, bari

Trumpets

Ryan Burns

Kate Driscoll

Callee Smith

Lauren Young

Trombones

Jacob Green

Keithen Hoferitza

Erich Robb

Morgan Shumski

Rhythm Section Ella Kasamis, piano

Justin Mjoen, drums

Isabel Sioson, guitar

Ricky Zeiger, bass





SENIOR TRUMPET AND FLUGELHORN PLAYER

Activities and interests— French horn in Midwest Young Artists Conservatory Symphony Orchestra, Mundelein High School Link Crew and Vice President of National Honor Society at MHS.

Favorite jazz piece played at MHS—Minuano by Pat Metheny/ arranged by Bob Curnow

Favorite musician—The Gordon Goodwin Big Band. I find their music to be super fun to listen to and play and the musicians all perform at such a high level.

Post MHS goal—Study music education.

Other thoughts—I've learned so much more about music while being in the Mundelein High School instrumental ensembles and it's helped further solidify my love and passion for music and helped me realize my dream career as a music educator.



DeDominicis

SENIOR ALTO SAX, ALTO FLUTE AND FLUTE PLAYER

Activities and interests— Bassoon in Honors Wind Ensemble, tenor sax in Marching Band, Noise Show Choir Combo, and pit orchestra, soccer.

Favorite jazz piece played at MHS—Birdland by Joseph Zawinul (as performed by Maynard Ferguson)

Favorite musician— John Coltrane. The way he plays tenor sax is amazing to me. The tonality he plays with is how I think jazz should sound.

Post MHS goal— Music and marine biology.

Other thoughts—Since freshman year, the band program has helped me develop my skills greatly. I've gone through every level of band and jazz band and improved my playing. The directors have encouraged me to pursue music more deeply. This is like a second family, knowing that so many people care.



Kate Driscoll

SOPHOMORE TRUMPET AND FLUGELHORN PLAYER

Activities and interests— Noise Show Choir Combo and trumpet in Honors Symphonic Winds.

Favorite jazz piece played at MHS—St. James Infirmary arranged by Tom Davis

Favorite musician— Louis Armstrong

Post MHS goal—Pursue a career in the musical arts

Other thoughts—I love being a part of the fun and I have multiple friends in the class. I'm also learning many new things that will make me a better musician.





JUNIOR TENOR SAX AND CLARINET PLAYER

Activities and interests— Noise Show Choir Combo.

Favorite jazz piece played at MHS—Birdland by Joseph Zawinul (as performed by Maynard Ferguson)

Favorite musician—Blue Mitchell. When I was little, my dad had a box set of his music that he put into iTunes. I always loved to listen to the Beatles to go to sleep and also wake up to Blue Mitchell. When I got to high school, I realized that because of this habit, I had unknowingly memorized parts of solos on almost every song. I like other artists, but Blue Mitchell is very personal to me.

Post MHS goal—Major in jazz studies and minor in philosophy.





Activities and interests— Euphonium in Wind Ensemble, Science Olympiad and tennis.

Favorite jazz piece played at MHS—Torque by Alan Baylock

Favorite musician—Trombone Shorty. All of his music grooves really hard and has a lot of stylistic variety.

Post MHS goal—Studying materials science, it is an up and coming field and it combines many topics that interests me.

66My favorite thing about being a member of Jazz Ensemble is being able to play exciting songs with other really good musicians that care about the music as much as I do. 99—Erich Robb, junior





JUNIOR TENOR SAX, SOPRANO SAX AND CLARINET PLAYER

Activities and interests— Show Choir, Noise Show Choir Combo, Honors Thespian in the Mundelein Theatre program and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Favorite jazz piece played at MHS—Birdland by Joseph Zawinul (as performed by Maynard Ferguson)

Favorite musician—I really dig Maynard Ferguson's works in his big band. His albums give me inspiration; it's a joy to just listen to his runs and the big band sound.

Post MHS goal—Becoming a veterinarian technician. I have a huge fascination for anatomy and carrying out inquiries to animals.



Keithen Hoferitza

SENIOR TROMBONE PLAYER

Activities and interests— Noise Show Choir Combo and other bands.

Favorite jazz piece played at MHS—*Minuano* by Pat Metheny, arranged by Bob Curnow

Favorite musician—I'm really digging Mingus and Goodwin right now—they both have such a unique sound and energy!
A chart that comes to mind is "Fables of Faubus."

Post MHS goal—Attending the nursing program at the College of Lake County for a couple years to work and save up, then transferring out to Colorado State for Veterinary Medicine and Spanish.



ÆllaKasamis

SOPHOMORE PIANO PLAYER

Activities and interests— Flute in Symphonic Winds, Noise Show Choir Combo, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Eurochallenge, Future Business Leaders of America and dance.

Favorite jazz piece played at MHS—Apollo's Reel by Tom Molter. I really enjoy the irregular yet upbeat form of the song. Additionally, this song has a catchy melody that is spread through multiple instruments. However, my favorite part of this song is near the end of the 6/8 section, when the band reaches the climax as the soloist energetically plays over it.

Favorite musician—Duke Ellington. Each of the songs he composes brings a memorable melody and many of his songs are just fun to listen to and learn.

Post MHS goal—I want to study bioengineering. I've always enjoyed the idea of working as an engineer.



hul Martin

FRESHMEN ALTO SAX AND CLARINET PLAYER

Activities and interests— Playing guitar and piano, Noise Show Choir Combo, saxophone in Honors Symphonic Winds and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Favorite jazz piece played at MHS—*Groovin' Hard* by Don Menza

#### Favorite musician—

Charlie Parker because he is a big influence on me and my improvisation style. He plays many unique rhythms and you don't know what's coming next! I like his tone and it inspires me to play like him.

Post MHS goal—Going into the medical field because I want to take care of people and help them to live healthy lives. I also want to continue learning music to play for family and friends. Music has been a part of me and always will be.





Favorite jazz piece played at MHS—*Malagueña* by Stan Kenton

Favorite musician— Jacob Collier is my favorite jazz musician at the moment. The complexity of rhythms, harmony, instrumentation, and theory in each one of his pieces is fascinating and inspiring.

Post MHS goal—Studying computer hardware engineering. I have been fascinated by computers and electronics my whole life and I hope to understand them more and make a difference in the world with those technologies.

Favorite piece from this set— Torque because this song is an absolute blast to play and has many different grooves that constantly keep the song interesting.





SENIOR ALTO SAX, SOPRANO SAX, FLUTE AND CLARINET PLAYER

Activities and interests— Master Singers, Merit School of Music Big Band, CYSO Jazz Orchestra (a combo that performs original music), Fellowship of Christian Athletes and National Honor Society.

Favorite jazz piece played at MHS—Buckjump by Troy Andrews arr. John Wasson

Favorite musicians—Kenny Garrett. His tone and time are unlike anyone else. He also comes from Coltrane, someone I also consider to be a favorite. Also. The Ahmad Jamal Trio. Their music sounds like the most tasteful and satisfying jazz to listen to. I wish I learned piano better when I was younger just so I could learn to play like him.

Post MHS goal—I really can't see myself doing anything other than jazz studies. I love the music so much and to go to school and immerse myself in it sounds like a dream.



Sant Munz Photopoulos SENIOR BARLSAX AND BASS CLARINET PLAYER

Activities and interests— Master Singers, Show Choir. Mundelein Theatre and piano.

Favorite jazz piece played at MHS—Myself When I am Mingus by Brian Stark

Favorite musician—Count Basie. I love piano-centric music. It's an instrument that tends to have less presence in most big band settings. Basie has a unique style that incorporates it perfectly.

Post MHS goal—I intend on pursuing music education. My love of music comes from my family and teachers who inspired me to learn. I hope that one day I too can inspire voung musicians to strive for greatness.

Favorite piece from this set— Torque by Alan Baylock. I love charts that really allow for the bari saxophone and bass trombone play out. Songs with good bass lines tend to be high energy and fun for the whole band to play.





JUNIOR TROMBONE PLAYER

Activities and interests—Soccer. Noise Show Choir Combo and Pit Orchestra.

Favorite jazz piece played at MHS—Malagueña by Stan Kenton

Favorite musician—Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. They make their own songs that are fun, catchy and have a nice groove to them. They always have a unique section in their songs that you never see in normal jazz songs.

Post MHS goal—I want to study nuclear engineering. I really like math, and nuclear engineering has a lot of physics in it. I have found my physics class to be really interesting and fun.

Favorite piece from this set— Torque by Alan Baylock. Torque has a groove that you can jam to and makes you think, "Wow, this is a great song!" It's really intense and gets you excited about what happens next. You never want the song to end.





JUNIOR BASS TROMBONE PLAYER

Isabel Sioson

JUNIOR GUITAR PLAYER

Activities and interests— Merit School of Music.

Favorite jazz piece played at MHS-Minuano by Pat Metheny, arranged by Bob Curnow

Favorite musician—Gordon Goodwin. Some of his pieces are not what would be considered jazz, but his music morphs into a beautiful big band sound.

Post MHS goal—I would like to go into music therapy, because I have always wanted to help people and I love music.

Favorite piece from this set— Torque by Alan Baylock because of the stinkin' bass trombone part!

Activities and interests— Clarinet in Wind Ensemble. tennis, Student Leadership, Link Crew, Noise Show Choir Combo, Music ministry for Youth for Christ and playing violin, guitar and bass.

Favorite jazz piece played at MHS—Birdland by Joseph Zawinul (as performed by Maynard Ferguson)

Favorite musician—Charlie Byrd. I've been in the mood for bossa nova tunes and like how he incorporates unique chords that add more color to his playing.

Favorite piece from this set— Apollo's Reel by Tom Molter. I love how the song transitions from different feels such as waltz, funk and swing. It has a Pat Metheny/Minuano vibe to it and the way the music builds up and gets calm really drives the emotion of the music.





SOPHOMORE TRUMPET AND FLUGELHORN PLAYER

Activities and interests— Trumpet in Wind Ensemble and Noise Show Choir Combo.

Favorite jazz piece played at MHS—*Laura* arr. Lennie Niehaus

Favorite musician—Chet Baker

Post MHS goal—I wish to continue studying music and to become a teacher because I enjoy helping others and I feel that I could be a good leader and educator. I want to encourage the youth to embrace, understand and share music because it truly is an amazing thing to be able to use music as an outlet to express yourself.

Other thoughts—My favorite thing about being a member of the Mundelein Jazz Ensemble is the fact I can perform for my community and the class helps me understand a broader genre of music other than simply classical.



Lauren Young

SENIOR TRUMPET AND FLUGELHORN PLAYER

Activities and interests— Trumpet in Wind Ensemble and wrestling.

Favorite jazz piece played at MHS—Apollo's Reel by Tom Molter. There are so many layers to this piece. Each layer is different, but builds up to the end of the piece to create a unique and giant sound.

Favorite musician— Louis Armstrong. He's a magnificent trumpet player to listen to.

Post MHS goal—Social work.



Ricky Zeiger

SENIOR UPRIGHT/ELECTRIC BASS PLAYER

Activities and interests— French horn in Wind Ensemble and School of Rock

Favorite jazz piece played at MHS— *Apollo's Reel* by Tom Molter

Favorite musician—Weather Report. They have a wide variety of songs and had one of the best bass players of all time.

Post MHS Goal—Music Production

Other thoughts—Music is such a large part of my life, and band at MHS has helped facilitate that.

66MHS has an amazing music department that allows aspiring musicians to thrive. With hard work, the top ensembles can be so enriching and the student body consistently produces amazing musicians.

—Elias Photopoulos, senior

#### Class of 2019 Jazz Ensemble Graduates Thank You



Thanks to the seniors from the 2018-2019 Mundelein High School Jazz Ensemble for their dedication and outstanding musicianship. Good luck in your future endeavors.

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Mundelein Invitational

The Mundelein High School Band Program and Band Boosters host the annual Mundelein Invitational, a festival for high school and middle school jazz bands that is simultaneously competitive and clinic-based. Bands performing at the festival on the second Saturday in March enjoy both the incentive of a competitive performance adjudicated by an experienced panel and the educational benefit of an individualized clinic led by a renowned jazz educator.

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