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Dear Directors,

I am writing to invite you and your ensemble(s) to participate in the Clark Terry Jazz Festival. This year's event will take place on Saturday, March 14, 2020, in both the Memorial Union Building (MUB) and Paul Creative Arts Center (PCAC) on the UNH campus. We are thrilled to announce that saxophonist **Walter Smith III** and trumpeter **Tanya Darby** will be our instrumental guest artists! We are also excited to reintroduce divisions for solo vocalists and jazz choirs! We have invited **Taylor O'Donnell** and **Katie Seiler** to be our vocal adjudicators for this year's event.

We are exited to reintroduce a division for promising young vocalists that would like to sing standards as a soloist with a professional rhythm section. We will also be reintroducing jazz choir as a division, but space in this room will be limited! We will begin accepting registrations and placing groups on a first-come, firstserved basis, so please get your registration to us as soon as possible! Education is the hallmark of this festival and we always strive to provide the best experience for you and your students while you are on campus. Immediately following every group's performance, the students and director will receive a live clinic with one of our adjudicators. Also included in your packet will be a USB drive with the recorded comments that the adjudicators gave during the performance.

In addition to the above activity and the scheduled concerts, our instrumental guest artists will be giving clinics for the students during the afternoon. Back by popular demand will be the jam in the food court with UNH alumni in the morning, and our own UNH jazz rhythm section of Les Harris, Jr., David Newsam and Bronek Suchanek will be giving a rhythm section clinic in the afternoon.

Please join us for another great year at the Clark Terry UNH Jazz Festival! If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact Lyndsay (lyndsay.boysen@unh.edu) or myself and we would be happy to assist you.

I hope to hear you in March!

Sincerely,

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