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Dear Directors,

We are excited to invite you to the 2024 Clark Terry Jazz Festival at UNH. This year's event had to be pushed back a week due to the university changing the academic calendar, so the date for this year's festival is **Saturday, March 16, 2024**. We understand this might create a conflict with an area festival that you had hoped to attend, but we are ready to work with you if you need to schedule an early or late performance for your group.

We are welcoming two of the brightest stars in jazz and education to this year's festival – vocalist and saxophonist **Camille Thurman**, and trumpeter **Sean Jones**! Both artists will perform with the UNH 3 O'Clock Jazz Band at the noon concert and both will perform with the UNH faculty rhythm section at the evening concert. In addition, Camille will be running a "Haven Hang" in the afternoon specifically designed for young women-identifying student musicians. The workshop will allow the students time to have a one-on-one talk and workshop with Camille and it's an opportunity for them to bond. Sean will be leading an improvisation workshop in the afternoon at the same time with the UNH faculty rhythm section, so there will be something for everyone!

We heard from many of you last year after we decided to discontinue the division for middle school programs in the region. Due to the strong desire of several programs wanting to participate, we have decided to reopen that division so that those young musicians can also have a chance to come to campus, perform, and participate in all the activities throughout the day. If you have a middle school jazz program in your district, make sure to let those directors know that this opportunity is once again available to them!

The morning jam session has become one of the highlights of the festival over the last several years. It will run again from 9am-noon as it has in the past. Please encourage your students to learn a tune or two and hop on the stage with our faculty to perform!

We are excited to welcome you back to Durham for this tremendous day of music! We always strive to provide a positive learning environment for you and your students and we look forward to hosting you this spring. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Lyndsay (clarkterryjazzfestival@gmail.com) or myself (nathan.jorgensen@unh.edu) and we would be happy to assist you.

I hope to hear you in March!

Sincerely,

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