

Gustavus Jazz Jamboree FAQs

Q: What is the Gustavus Jazz Jamboree?

A: The Gustavus Jazz Jamboree is a high impact educational jazz festival focused on high school students in the state of Minnesota. The festival is non-competitive, but recognizes individual outstanding musicianship via special citation. Each high school jazz ensemble gives a performance and then receives a personal 30-minute clinic from one of the esteemed clinicians. Multiple masterclasses are offered concurrently to the performances throughout the day. The final evening concert features the Twin Cities Jazz Composers Workshop Orchestra.

Q: Who organizes the Gustavus Jazz Jamboree?

A: The Gustavus Jazz Jamboree is produced by many offices on campus including Fine Arts Programs, Admissions, Marketing, and Advancement, as well as the music department. Creative development and technical strategy are led by Dr. Dave Stamps, associate professor of music, and student directors, Manny Green, Moriah Jensen, Arya Menk, and Julia Peterson.

Q: When and where is the Gustavus Jazz Jamboree?

A: The 2023 Gustavus Jazz Jamboree occurs on Friday March 3rd on the beautiful Gustavus Adolphus College campus. All performances, clinics, and masterclasses occur within Björling Recital Hall and the Schaefer Fine Arts center.

Q: What backline do we need to bring?

A: Cymbals, drum sticks/brushes/mallets, and aux percussion. We will provide drum sets, bass amps, guitar amps, pianos, vibraphones, and live sound reinforcement (mics, monitors, etc). We also provide music stands.

Q: Can we customize the performance stage plot?

A: Due to tight scheduling, we ask that you use the standard stage plot and sound reinforcement provided. We can certainly accommodate additional chairs and stands on stage.

Q: Are evening concert tickets included in the registration fee for the student participants and band directors?

A: Yes. We hope you'll stay and enjoy the performance!

Q: Can we eat at the Gustavus cafeteria?

A: Yes. Gustavus Dining Services is aware that you are attending and will be more than happy to accommodate you and your students. There are also a number of sit down and fast food restaurants in St. Peter.

Q: What restaurants are in St. Peter?

A: Sit down restaurants include: 3rd Street Tavern, Patrick's, El Agave, Nicollet Café, Great Wall, Jake's Pizza, the St. Peter Co-op, and River Rock Coffee. Fast food restaurants include: McDonald's, Arby's, Subway, Erbert and Gerbert's, Dairy Queen, Taco John's, and Dunkin' Donuts.

Q: What hotel options are in St. Peter?

A: Not many. There is an AmericInn, Best Western Plus, and the St. Peter Motel. There are many more options nearby in Mankato.

Q: Where do we park?

A: Visitor parking is to the south of the Schaefer Fine Arts Center on the southernmost point of Campus Circle Drive. Please be sure to park in the designated visitor spaces marked with blue street signs. Buses can also park in the visitor spaces, but it would be helpful to move them out to the ball field lots on the west side of campus after unloading. Campus maps are available for download on the Gustavus Jazz Jamboree webpage. Parking questions can be referred to Gustavus Campus Safety at (507) 933-8888.

Q: Will food be available at the Gustavus Jazz Jamboree?

A: There will not be food available in the buildings that host the event. However, there will be diverse food options at the Jackson Campus Center (located near the Three Flags circle on the north side of campus) and the STEAMery (inside of the Nobel Science building atrium).

Q: Are ATM's available onsite?

A: No.

Q: Can I volunteer for the Gustavus Jazz Jamboree?

A: Of course! We'd love to have your assistance in making this great event even greater. Please reach out to Dave Stamps.

Q: How can I become a sponsor for the Gustavus Jazz Jamboree?

A: Thanks for your interest in supporting this important educational and community-building event! Please reach out to Dr. Dave Stamps and he will connect you to the appropriate Advancement team member for further conversation.

Q: How can I apply to bring my band to the Gustavus Jazz Jamboree in the future?

A: Registration opens on November 10th for the subsequent Jamboree. You can access the registration portal at <http://www.gustavus.edu/music/jazz/jamboree>

Q: Will there be merchandise available for sale at the Gustavus Jazz Jamboree?

A: No. Not at the 2023 Jamboree.