

Grayslake Jazz Combo Workshop (GJCW) 2010

Information Sheet



What: A 5-week workshop for 4-10 jazz students to learn and develop jazz improvisational skills through playing in a jazz combo with like-skilled players. The workshop will include 5 two-hour combo sessions and one concert. Also, each student will receive one additional 45-minute private or small-group (sectional) instructional session focused on her/his instrument.

Area students have been learning about jazz improvisation in a combo setting through the Grayslake Jazz Combo Workshop since the summer of 2001.

When: (dates listed below are subject to change, but we'll adhere to them as closely as possible)

Assuming there is enough interest for more than one group, students will be placed in either the Sunday Night or Monday Night Combo, based on ability, age, and experience. For students new to the program, we will hold placement auditions to help us form combos of like-skilled players. Previous GJCW participants do not need to do an audition.

(Note: these auditions are for placement only; they are not meant to be competitive in nature.)

Dates	Time	Event
Wed, June 2	7-9 pm by app't	Placement Auditions @ 326 Getchell Av, Grayslake
Thurs, June 3	7-9 pm by app't	Placement Auditions @ 326 Getchell Av, Grayslake
June 6, 13, 20; July 11; Aug, 1	7-9 pm	Sunday Night Combo
June 7, 14, 21; July 5, 12	7-9 pm	Monday Night Combo
Sun, Aug 8	2-4 pm	Concert
Sun, Aug 15	2-4 pm	Raindate for concert
To be scheduled later	TBD	Sectional/individual session

Where: (get directions from the www.chapinandchapin.com web site.)

- Sunday Night Combo Workshop sessions are held at the The Rails Jazz Club (Nielsen living room) at 93 Railroad Av., Grayslake.
- Monday Night Combo sessions are held at The Oaks Jazz Club (Chapin living room) at 326 Getchell Av., Grayslake.

Who: Students who have participated in past workshops have come from many of the neighboring communities and have ranged in age from 12 through 18.

The instructors... (see more complete bios on the chapinandchapin.com web site)

Bill Chapin has been playing piano professionally in the Chicago area since 1978, taught jazz piano at the College of Lake County, and currently teaches privately out of his home. Bill is the Director of Educational Technologies at Warren Township High School.

Paul Nielsen is well-known in the Chicago area, both as a jazz and music educator and as a working musician on multiple instruments. He directs the choirs at Grayslake North High School and the jazz band at Grayslake Central High School.

Why: To gain valuable experience playing in a combo setting, to get lots of time to improvise in a low-pressure setting, and to have fun and groove to the beat of the most American form of music, jazz.

Topics we may cover: Scales and patterns for improv; introductions and endings; trading fours; soloing; learning jazz styles such as swing, latin, waltz, blues, ballads; and, of course, jamming on jazz tunes.

New this season is the opportunity for interested students to learn about and run sound reinforcement equipment (mixer, mic's, amps, cables, acoustics, etc.) as an optional learning experience.

Typical Session: Setup and warm-up--10 minutes; blues tunes and improv on the blues--20 minutes; ear training games and exercises--10 minutes; break--5 minutes; improv theory--10 minutes; rehearsal of tunes and jamming--60 minutes; assignments and review--5 minutes.

Cost: \$190.00, which includes the cost of instructional materials, photocopying, and all arrangements and logistics for the program. Payment in full and the form are due at the time of the audition or June 5th at the latest.

Note: We will not pro-rate the cost for missed rehearsals.

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Signup Sheet



Please complete **all** blanks on this form and mail it with your check payable to Bill Chapin to 326 Getchell Av, Grayslake. We especially need all email addresses for the participant and family, as we use email to inform people of schedule changes, opportunities to perform, etc.

Student's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name (first) _____ (last) _____

Parent/Guardian Name (first) _____ (last) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Preferred Phone _____

Other Phone Numbers we should have: _____

(Note: after initial phone contact, all workshop communications will come via email)

Email address(es) where you'd like to receive workshop messages:

Instrument Student Will Play in this Workshop _____

(Note: Past players' instruments have included piano, bass, trap set, tenor sax, alto sax, flute, trumpet, trombone, bass trombone, and electric guitar. Vocalists interested in singing jazz standards and learning to scat are also welcome.)

Please list school jazz program(s) in which the student has participated and number of years in these programs.

School Name _____ Number of Years _____

Describe your jazz performing and improvising experience in this band:

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Other jazz workshops/camps or jazz training experiences? Describe below:

If you've participated in this Grayslake Jazz Combo Workshop in previous summers, list the year(s) (check all that apply):

_____ 2006 _____ 2007 _____ 2008 _____ 2009

If this will be your first summer participating in GJCW, please select a day and time when you'd like us to schedule your placement audition (we'll confirm with you later).

(Note: Download the audition excerpt from the chapinandchapin.com web site to prepare for the audition.)

Placement Audition Option #1: Wed June 2, from 7-9 pm:

_____ 7p _____ 7:15p _____ 7:30p _____ 7:45p

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Placement Audition Option #2: Thurs June 3, from 7-9 pm:

_____ 7p _____ 7:15p _____ 7:30p _____ 7:45p

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Availability:

___ I am available on all or most of these Sunday nights: June 6, 13, 20; July 11; Aug, 1

___ I am available on all or most of these Monday nights: June 7, 14, 21; July 5, 12

Please describe or list below what you hope to learn from participating in the 2010 GJCW?

Please return this form with your check for \$190.00 to ...

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