

# AUDITION FORM

## HIGH RENDITION JAZZ 2018-19



Thank you for your interest in joining High Rendition Youth Jazz Band, it is a rewarding and challenging experience!

The band is accepting auditions for all instruments, though availability of positions varies from year to year based on the turnover of band members. The band consists of trumpets, trombones, saxophones (alto, tenor and baritone), drums/percussion, piano/keyboard, bass guitar, electric guitar and vocals.

Please complete this information form and send it to [info@highrenditionjazz.ca](mailto:info@highrenditionjazz.ca). You will be contacted with a date and time. Audition dates are September 5, 12, and 19.

### Preparing for the audition

The audition will be 15 minutes long. Please arrive 15 minutes early to set up and warm up. At the audition, please be prepared to play:

- **Scales:** major and minor scales concert F and G; blues scale concert F; chromatic scale
- **Repertoire** (you will likely only be asked to play part of the song):
  - Lyrical/ballad jazz style piece of your choice (with or without backing track)
  - Technical jazz style piece of your choice (with or without backing track)
- **Sight reading** a jazz chart chosen by the Director
- **Improvisation (optional)** to concert Bb or F blues, or a backing track of your choosing

Instrument-specific notes:

- Bass: should demonstrate walking blues in F
- Drums: should be prepared to play in various styles: swing, funk, bossa
- Voice: scales are not applicable; backing track is recommended

If there are any questions about these audition components, don't hesitate to contact [info@highrenditionjazz.ca](mailto:info@highrenditionjazz.ca).

### Contact information

Student's Name	
School & Grade (Sep 2018)	
Audition contact email(s)	
Audition contact phone(s)	
Instrument	

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Other information (eg. how long you have played, what other groups you play with (school and outside), music lessons, other instruments played, etc.)

*Please add additional pages if necessary*

### Other important information about the band

#### Fees

The band member fee is \$350 (\$175 per term). We also often hold a band retreat run in the fall which is approximately \$200. (Note: our goal is to make the band available to all interested students regardless of financial circumstances, so if there is concern about the fees you may have a confidential discussion with band President Dave Gretzinger).

#### Rehearsals

Band members are expected to attend all rehearsals. These will be held weekly at Queen Elizabeth Park Cultural and Community Centre, Wednesdays from 7:15-9:15 PM. Rehearsals are intended to bring the pieces of the band together; a robust personal practice schedule is also expected.

#### Participation

This is a relatively small ensemble with few back-up positions. With rare exceptions, band members are expected to attend all performances, which may occur on weekends and in the summer. A preliminary list will be provided in the fall, though due to the uncertainties of obtaining performances there will be changes and updates through the year (band members will be polled for availability for any new or changed dates). Band members are expected to manage their schedules to identify and avoid conflicts between HRJ events and other personal events.

Also, band members have a role in running the activities of the band! Everyone will participate in various tasks, such as stage setup/tear down, promotion (eg. social media), sheet music management, leading workshops, etc.

#### Parents

Parents also play an important role: High Rendition is supported by parents of band members. It is critical that everyone provides support for the band, including attending monthly parent meetings, helping organize events (especially the annual spring fundraiser), and potentially taking an executive committee position (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Marketing/ Communications, Events, and Fundraising).

For more information about the band, see [www.highrenditionjazz.ca](http://www.highrenditionjazz.ca) or email [info@highrenditionjazz.ca](mailto:info@highrenditionjazz.ca).