THE NEW ORLEANS JAZZ INSTITUTE (NOJI)

The New Orleans Jazz Institute is a partnership between NOJO and the University of New Orleans (UNO) that links UNO's strengths in jazz education with NOJO's professional and performance expertise. NOJI provides year-round music education and training for children ages 8-17, and serves to promote creative excellence and best practices in jazz composition, performance, scholarship, importation, exportation and education.

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THE IRVIN MAYFIELD SCHOOL OF MUSIC (FORMERLY PROJECT PRODIGY & SATURDAY MUSIC SCHOOL)

Named after NOJI's founding Director, The Irvin Mayfield School of Music provides comprehensive and affordable music education for local youth, while providing new opportunities for its students and expanding its capacity. The School is designed for students, ages 8 to 17, from across the Greater New Orleans region. Throughout the year, student ensembles are featured in recitals, local festivals and events, and NOJO's National Galas.

SATURDAY PROGRAM

Spearheaded by NOJI in 2009 as Saturday Music School, the Saturday Program's mission is to support and redefine music education in New Orleans by offering a free, comprehensive and diverse music education experience for our city's youth. Each semester, the program offers ensemble and small group instruction in jazz band, strings, piano and voice. Each ensemble's
curriculum is developed to encompass history, theory and performance techniques in Jazz, Classical and World Music.

Auditions: August 30, 10am-2pm | UNO Performing Arts Center
Fall semester begins: September 6

SUMMER PROGRAM

Formerly known as Project Prodigy Summer Music Camp, the Summer Program just completed its 20th year under the leadership of Camp Director and renowned music educator Joseph Saulsbury. The program's primary goal is to provide music instruction for local students in fourth through eighth grades, to enrich their musical skills and nourish an appreciation of the arts. It is a collaboration between NOJI, UNO, NOJO, The New Beginnings Charter School Network and local musicians; supporting organizations have included the Amy Winehouse Foundation, the Young Leadership Council and Capital One.

2014 SUMMER PROGRAM BROCHURE

BUZZELEQ

NOJI hosts an annual "BubbleQ" fundraiser, featuring premium champagnes from Glazer's Distributors of Louisiana and "Haute Cuisine Barbecue" cooked up by New Orleans' finest restaurants and chefs.

2013 Photo Gallery | 2012 Photo Gallery | 2011 Photo Gallery | 2010 Photo Gallery

ESSENTIALLY ELLINGTON

NOJI hosted its first Regional Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Festival (EE) at UNO in April of 2014; the event featured nine high school Jazz ensembles from four states. A program of Jazz at Lincoln Center (JALC) in New York City, EE co-produces these non-competitive, education-focused festivals at various locations across the country; they are designed to offer high school Jazz bands of all levels the opportunity to perform the music of Duke Ellington and other seminal big band composers and arrangers.

NOJI MASTERS SERIES

Each semester, NOJI commissions Jazz music based on certain themes. The music is created by Steve Masakowski, the Coca-Cola Endowed Chair and Director of Jazz Studies; and NOJO members Victor Atkins, the Graduate Coordinator of the Department of Music, and Ed Petersen, Associate Chair of the Department of Music and Coordinator of Jazz Studies.

- Spring 2010: Thelonious Monk, Antonio Carlos Jobim & Chicago's Tenor Masters
- Fall 2010: Jazz interpretations of the 2010 New Orleans Opera season
- Spring 2011: The Music of New Orleans Jazz Masters Ellis Marsalis, James Black, & Harold Battiste
- Fall 2011: William Faulkner, Dr. Seuss, & A Confederacy of Dunces (Photo Gallery)
- Spring 2012: Spirituals & Spirituality
- Fall 2012: Jazz Tributes to The Grateful Dead, The Beatles, & Stevie Wonder
- Spring 2013: Big Band Arrangements ~ The Music of New Orleans Jazz Masters Ellis Marsalis, James Black, & Harold Battiste
- Fall 2013: A Rhyme & A song ~ Based on the poetry of Louisiana State Poet Laureate Ava Leavell Haymon, United States Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey, & The Poetry Foundation's Children's Poet Laureate Kenn Nesbitt
- Spring 2014: Big Band Arrangements ~ Jazz Tributes to The Grateful Dead, The Beatles, & Stevie Wonder
"NEW ORLEANS AS DISCOURSE" CLASS

Irvin Mayfield's "New Orleans as Discourse" class at UNO allows participating students the ability to interview professionals and icons in the New Orleans cultural community (Art, Humanities and Music) about their areas of expertise. Find out more >>

IRVIN MAYFIELD'S JAZZ COMPOSITION & ARRANGING CLASS

Irvin Mayfield teaches a Jazz Composition & Arranging Independent Study at UNO. For more information, please contact Emily Fredrickson (efredrickson@thenojo.com).

IRVIN MAYFIELD'S BIANNUAL LECTURES

Each semester, Irvin Mayfield hosts an on-campus lecture focusing on topics such as art, literacy and the development of great ideas. Past events have involved community leaders such as New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau President and CEO Stephen Perry, former Urban League of Greater New Orleans President and CEO Nolan Rollins, and UNO President Peter Fos.

- January 2012: Artistic Literacy
- September 2012: Advancing the Conversation on Artistic Literacy
- September 2012 (Tulane): The Art of Building Good Ideas
- January 2013: The Art of Building Good Ideas II
- September 2013: The Courage to Create
- February 2014: Artistic Literacy: Life, Love & Jazz

JAZZ ARCHIVE

NOJI is in the development stages of a Jazz Archive honoring the Jazz Masters of New Orleans.

JAZZ CURRICULUM

Through NOJI and the Capital One-New Beginnings Charter Schools Network, NOJO is designing a Jazz Curriculum that was initially taught to Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students. The curriculum examines the sounds of Jazz, contributors to Jazz and Jazz instruments.

"MUSIC INSIDE OUT" CLASS

"Music Inside Out" is a look at the music of New Orleans and its influence around the world. Each class at The University of New Orleans features a live performance and interview with a local musician or band. Find out more >>

NOJI Leadership

- Dr. Kevin Graves, Interim Dean of Liberal Arts, University of New Orleans
- Irvin Mayfield, Director, New Orleans Jazz Institute
- Dr. Corey Hebert, Chairman, NOJI Advisory Board
- Ronald Markham, President & CEO, New Orleans Jazz Orchestra