



Our Heartfelt Thanks!

Welcome to the newest edition of our Jazz Connections Newsletter. Can you believe how quickly time flies? Throughout our journey in promoting jazz, we have faced many challenges, but we have also celebrated numerous successes. It's hard to imagine, but we are now entering our ninth year of promoting jazz in the Atlanta metro area!

Over the past eight years, we've successfully organized our annual Jazz Matters At The Wren's Nest summer concert series in Atlanta's Historic West End, curated jazz events for local municipalities and area arts centers, showcased over 80 talented artists, and collaborated with performing arts programs in Atlanta, Marietta, and Perry, GA. We are also proud to have featured the DeKalb County Tucker Middle School jazz band.

Our achievements reflect the incredible support from our dedicated volunteers, sponsors, and fans. Your commitment to preserving the art of jazz is truly invaluable! As an arts organization, we strive to provide high-quality events for the public, and this would not have been possible without your unwavering support. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the **Fulton County Board of Commissioners, Fulton County Arts & Culture, The City of Atlanta Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs, The Georgia Council of The Arts, Georgia Pacific, Inc., and The Atlanta Federation of Musicians Local 148-462** for your steadfast support in our mission to celebrate the art of jazz... Thank you!

2024 JMI Highlights



Bill Hart International Fusion Band
2025 Jazz Matters At The Wren's Nest



Singer/Actor Tony Hightower
2025 Jazz Matters At The Wren's Nest



A Jazzy Afternoon Day Concert
Hapeville, GA

"JMIs 2024 Highlights & Performances"

- Black History Month Fulton Co. Library
- April Jazz Appreciation The Arts Exchange
- June Jazz, Blues & BBQ Suwanee GA
- 8th Annual Jazz Matters @ The Wren's Nest
- Received Appreciation Award for Bringing Jazz to The West End presented by Atlanta City Councilmember Emeritus Clela Winslow
- A Jazzy Holiday Celebration Porter Sanford Performing Arts Center
- \$1,000 Donation to Stephenson High School Jazz Band

"JMIs Vision for 2025: Setting Ambitious Goals"

- Relaunching our Yes Jazz Matters Podcast
- Develop unique collaborations with metro Atlanta Arts organizations
- Expanding JMIs Board of Directors
- Developing master classes and mentoring opportunities for aspiring jazz artists

"JMIs Upcoming 2025 Events"

- April - Relaunch of Yes Jazz Matters Podcast
- April - Jazz Appreciation Concert TBA
- May 31 - Jazz, Blues & BBQ at Suwanee Town Center

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www.yesjazzmatters.org for event updates.