



About Jazz at UCA

UCA Jazz Ensembles Auditions are open to any UCA student or faculty member. Bands are led by Matthew Taylor, Justin Cook, and Julia Buckingham-McCorvy.

When and where are auditions?

A sign-up sheet for auditions will be posted at Brooks Hall right before auditions. Please arrive early to sign up; we appreciate you signing up without leaving blank spaces in order to maximize our limited time to hear everyone. Auditions are live, and will take place at the following times:

13 Friday, 2023 in Adcock Seminar Room in Snow Fine Arts

12:15 – 12:50 ALL RHYTHM SECTION INSTRUMENTS

13 Friday, 2023 in Ricky Brooks Rehearsal Hall in Snow Fine Arts

2 pm Saxes

3:15 Trombones

4 pm Trumpets

If you cannot be present for the designated audition time but would still like to audition, please contact Dr. Taylor by email at mtaylor32@uca.edu as soon as possible for an alternate time.

What do I play for auditions?

Horns: Play 1-3 minutes of a jazz solo transcription of your choice that demonstrates your strengths and abilities on your instrument, including the head (melody) of the tune. It does not need to be from memory, and it can be a transcription you did yourself or one you have sourced independently. You will perform it "solo," without a backing track. You may also be asked to sightread a brief excerpt from the big band library.

Saxophone players are also strongly suggested to demonstrate 8-12 bars of your doubling ability on clarinet, bass clarinet, and/or flute.

Rhythm, you will sightread from two tunes as a section, rotating in and out. Amps and drum set will be provided, please bring your own cords.

The first full band rehearsals will take place on Tuesday the 17th.