



Metro Arts Jazz in July is a month-long festival that celebrates jazz and art with free outdoor concerts throughout our community. Held in partnership with neighborhood sites, Metro Arts Jazz in July concerts expose residents to new music and local musicians, all while promoting the American legacy and art form of jazz.

This application will be used to assess the professionalism, marketing power, quality of music, and the band's ability to provide the necessary sound system. Groups that cannot provide their own sound system will not be considered. A Band Selection Committee will evaluate all applications and make recommendations for scheduling and contracting. Iowa is rich with incredible jazz talent and history. Each year the number of band applications far exceeds the number of concerts. While we wish we could incorporate every band that applied, it is simply not feasible.

However, we encourage all jazz groups to apply, and Metro Arts will:

- List all qualified applicants and their contact information in the resources section of our program
- Include all qualified jazz groups that apply on the Metro Arts Alliance referral list

Thank you for your interest and understanding the importance of our process in this community-centered concert series! Please complete and return this form along with accompanying materials by January 15, 2013.

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Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Band Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members in Band: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Jazz: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Band Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Twitter: \_\_\_\_\_ MySpace: \_\_\_\_\_ Facebook: \_\_\_\_\_

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As part of our band selection process, we ask that you include a sample of your music with this submission. This must be in the form of a CD, mp3 file, or clickable link to places such as YouTube or MySpace. Our Band Selection Committee will assess one song along with your application. Please indicate how you will be submitting a music sample, and what song you would like to be included if there are multiple songs:

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If you have submitted a CD to Metro Arts Alliance in the past, please indicate what song you would like to have included with your application for the Band Selection Committee:

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Each band is required to provide their own sound system capable of playing to an outdoor crowd of 500. If you do not have the necessary equipment, your application will not be considered. Please initial below to indicate your understanding and ability to provide/arrange for sound equipment.

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**Please help us pair bands with the ideal venue by answering the following:**

Are there venues or audiences that do or do not align with your group or genre of jazz? Please describe:

Do you have a venue preference? If so, please list here:

Each band plays an important role in the promotion of their Metro Arts Jazz in July concert. Please describe three ways that you will help promote your concert:

Please list the names of the band members:

Please list three interesting facts about your band:

Please write below or attach a band bio/photo:

Submit the Band Application to: [kim@metroarts.org](mailto:kim@metroarts.org)

Or mail to:

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