

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

(the story of our process)

Our goal is to showcase the musicians from BOTH John Hersey High School and Mundelein High School collaborating and performing together. We want to extend our musical community beyond the walls of our own schools and collaborate with other musicians in our area. The two high schools are 13.5 miles from each other in two different towns, two different school districts, and two different counties.

This IMEC Performance is built upon more than a year of collaboration between the two schools' jazz ensembles.

During the 2022-2023 school year, the students from the two schools collaborated three different times:

- October 2022 - Shared concert at Mundelein High School with guest artist Sharel Cassity. The students from JHHS and MHS each performed a set of 4-5 pieces of music. As part of the event, the students ate dinner together, and several students from both schools played during the final number.
- January 2023 - Prior to both schools participating at the Purdue Jazz Festival, the students performed for each other at John Hersey High School. As part of the event, the students ate lunch together! (Please note the importance of FOOD!)
- March 2023 - The John Hersey High School jazz students participated in the Mundelein Jazz Festival and students from both schools were able to socialize during the event.



This performance is comprised of various groupings of musicians:



Includes ALL musicians from JHHS & MHS



Mundelein High School Jazz Ensemble



Includes a combined group of students from MHS and JHHS



John Hersey High School Jazz Ensemble

8:15 AM, Friday, January 26, 2024 – Peoria Civic Center 405/406

John Hersey High School Jazz Ensemble & Mundelein High School Jazz Ensemble

Arlington Heights, IL & Mundelein, IL

Spencer Hile, director (John Hersey HS) & Andy Sturgeon, director (Mundelein HS)



Title	Composer/Arranger	Publisher/Distributor	Year	Grade
Combined Double Big Band				
Malaguena	Ernesto Lecuona arr. Bill Holman	Sierra Music Publications	1928/1993	5
Saxophone Ensemble				
Prohibido	Benny Carter	Jazz Lines Publications	1967	4
Standard Big Band Instrumentation w/Combined Students				
El Vito en el Congo	Miguel Blanco	iJazz Music	2006	5
Four Brothers	Jimmy Giuffre trans. Myles Collins	Lush Life Music	1947/2019	5
Del Rio a La Mar	Bernard van Rossum	iJazz Music	2022	4
Trombone Ensemble				
CRB's 76 Trombones	Meredith Wilson arr. Michael Davis & Shari Feder	Hip-Bone Music	1957/2007	5
John Hersey High School Jazz Ensemble 1				
The Pretty Road	Maria Schneider	Maria Schneider Music	2007	6
Mundelein High School Jazz Ensemble				
On the Sunny Side of the Street	Dorothy Fields & Jimmy McHugh arr. John Clayton	Hal Leonard Corporations	1930/2009	5
Iluminada	Michele Fernández	Michele Fernández Music	2018/2023	4
The First Circle	Pat Metheny & Lyle Mays arr. Bob Curnow	Sierra Music Publications	1987/2004	5
Combined Double Big Band				
Punching Up	Neil Carson	Manuscript	2021/2023	5