



October 16, 2008

Dear Jazz Educator:

**We are very pleased to announce our 2009 festival dates: Thursday, April 16 through Saturday, April 18, 2009** at the Crowne Plaza in Addison, Texas (just north of Dallas). Again, we will feature the very best big bands, combos and vocal jazz groups from the nation's leading high schools, universities, two-year colleges and middle schools, in addition to University of North Texas (UNT) groups and some of today's most exciting "pro" jazz musicians.

School groups (both college/university and high school/middle school) will perform throughout the day on Friday and Saturday, with outstanding concerts presented each evening including performances from **The Tierney Sutton Band** and **UNT's One O'Clock Lab Band**.

The festival begins with an enormous and exciting welcome reception, including food and drink, and performances by the UNT Latin Jazz Ensemble, directed by Jose Aponte, and by the award-winning Two O'Clock Lab Band, directed by Brad Leali. This event is free to all festival participants.

School participation will be by CD/tape audition. The enclosed application form includes all submission instructions. Note that audition recordings may have been made during the current (2008 – 09) or prior (2007 – 08) school year.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

*December 1, 2008:* Applications/recordings due

*December 15, 2008:* Invitations extended to selected school groups

*January 31, 2009:* Invitations accepted by selected school groups

**April 16-18, 2009: Festival!**

Please note that in order to sustain the continued success of this festival, we require nominal festival participation fees as follows: Big Bands \$250; Vocal groups \$200; Combos \$150.

If you have questions/comments, please contact Craig Marshall, [craig.marshall@unt.edu](mailto:craig.marshall@unt.edu). We look forward to receiving your application!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Craig Marshall'.

Craig Marshall,  
Festival Director

STEERING COMMITTEE: Town of Addison: Chris Terry, Barbara Kovacevich, Nicole Newkham, Chris McMurtry  
UNT: Craig Marshall, Paris Rutherford, Mike Steinel