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SHAZZ FINALE CONCERT

FEATURING
WAYNE BERGERON & BARB CATLIN

& THE FESTIVAL'S OWN ALL-STAR BAND

MARCH 8, 2025 AT 4:30 PM

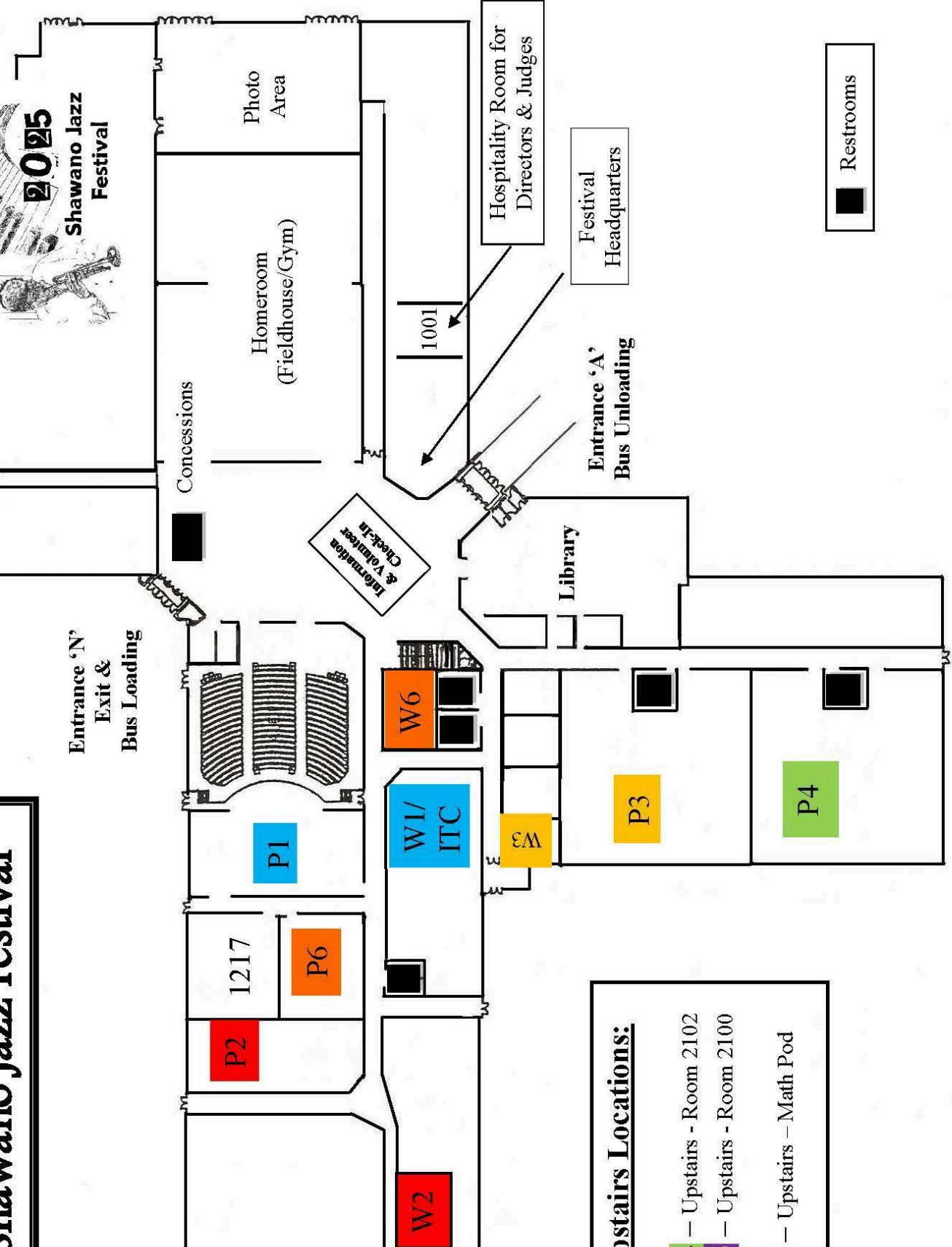
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- Upstairs - Room 2102
 - Upstairs - Room 2100
 - Upstairs - Math Pod

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MEET OUR GUEST ARTISTS



Wayne Bergeron

Wayne Bergeron is enjoying a career as one of the most sought-after musicians in the world. Studio sessions, film dates, international touring, jazz concerts, guest appearances, and clinics keep him busy not only in his hometown of Los Angeles but worldwide.

Bergeron first caught the ear of many when he landed the lead trumpet chair with Maynard Ferguson's band in 1986. Bergeron demonstrates daily why Maynard remarked, "Wayne is the most musical lead trumpet player I've had on my band."

As a sideman, Bergeron's list of recording credits reads like a "who's who" in contemporary jazz and pop, running the stylistic gamut from Ray Charles to Green

Day. Other names include Katy Perry, Beyoncé, Barbra Streisand, Michael Buble, Indina Menzel, Leslie Oden Jr, Natalie Cole, Celine Dion, Seal, Diana Krall, Christina Aguilera, Dianne Reeves, The Mars Volta, Rosemary Cloony, Diane Schuur, Barry Manilow, Kenny G., and David Benoit.

Bergeron has worked on over 500 TV & motion picture soundtracks. A partial list of film credits includes Red Notice, Turning Red, Soul, Bob's Burgers, Ford vs. Ferrari, Toy Story 4, Frozen 1 & 2, The Lion King (2019), The Secret Life of Pets, Crazy Rich Asians, Sing 1&2, Moana, Frozen 1 & 2, Toy Story 3, High School Musical 3, Superman Returns, The Simpson's Movie, Dreamgirls, Hairspray, Spiderman 1 & 2, Team America and South Park. Bergeron's featured trumpet solos can be heard on the motion pictures West Side Story (2021 Steven Spielberg), La La Land, Sing, The Incredibles 1 & 2, Rocky Balboa, The Secret Life of Pets 2, Minions, Minions 2: The Rise of Gru, Spies in Disguise, Jersey Boys, Despicable Me, Aladdin King of Thieves, and many others.

Numerous TV credits include Academy Awards, Golden Globe Awards, SAG Awards, NBC, ESPN & TNT sports themes, Grammy Awards, Animaniacs Reboot, Family Guy, American Dad, Simpson's, Wonderful World of Mickey Mouse, Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, America's Funniest Home Videos, Phineas & Ferb, House of Mouse, Buzz Lightyear, and Hey Arnold.

Bergeron's greatest love is playing lead in big bands. He has recorded and played with some of Los Angeles' most respected bands including Quincy Jones, Gordon Goodwin, Pat Williams, Sammy Nestico, Jack Sheldon, Chris Walden, Tom Kubis, and Bob Florence.

After being behind the scene for so many years, Bergeron stepped out on his own with his first solo effort, You Call This a Living? This debut project earned him a Grammy nomination in 2004 for Best Large Jazz Ensemble, as well as rave reviews from fans and press worldwide. Bergeron's second CD, Plays Well With Others, released on the Concord Jazz label in 2007, was met with the same acclaim. Bergeron's most current CD, Full Circle, was released in January of 2016.

Bergeron performs various events for the Hollywood Bowl summer season. He has done guest appearances with the L.A. Philharmonic, The New York Philharmonic, Cleveland Orchestra, Dallas Symphony, Taiwan Symphony, and Tokyo Philharmonic.

Bergeron is a National Artist for the Yamaha Corporation of America and is co-designer of the YTR-8335LA trumpet and YFH-8315G Flugelhorn.

Bergeron was mentored by legends Uan Rasey, Bobby Shew, Warren Luening, Gary Grant, and George Graham. Bergeron hopes to inspire a new generation of young players and enjoys his work as a clinician and educator. "Nothing makes me feel more accomplished than hearing a young musician say that I inspired them or had a positive influence on their life. For me, that's the real payday."

Perhaps Grammy winning composer and bandleader, Gordon Goodwin said it best, "Wayne is a once in a lifetime lead trumpet player."

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BARB CATLIN

Originally from the San Francisco Bay Area, Barb Catlin has become one of the leading jazz educators in the Southwest. After eighteen successful years in Arizona, she returned to her home state of California where she directs the jazz programs at Pomona College and the California Institute of Technology. Barb has many accolades as a jazz pianist, including being named as a Downbeat “Player to Catch”, but is equally well-known for her tenure as musical director of the highly acclaimed youth honor jazz program, The Young Sounds of Arizona, as well as her years as director of jazz studies at Mesa Community College.

Barb majored in music education on woodwinds at California State University at Fresno, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Grand Canyon University with a B.S. in Music Education, and completed and a Master’s in Music Education with an emphasis in Jazz Studies on piano from Arizona State University where she was the recipient of the William English Music Education Award.

Her enthusiasm for playing, “real-life” approach to education, and expertise in the rhythm section has made Barb a popular clinician and adjudicator at the high school and college levels. Barb has directed the Arizona All-State High School Jazz Band, the California All-State Junior High School Jazz Band, the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association’s (SCSBOA) Honor High School Jazz Ensemble, the Wisconsin All State Honor Jazz Band and many regional honor ensembles. She has been a featured clinician/guest artist at Fred Sturm’s acclaimed Lawrence Jazz Festival, Kris Berg’s Collin Jazz Festival, Paul Lucceksi’s San Joaquin Jazz Festival, Dana Landry’s Northern Colorado University Jazz Festival, ASU’s Highland Jazz Festival, the Western States Jazz festival, the Irvine Jazz Festival, the N.A.U Jazz Festival, and has presented clinics at state conferences both in Arizona, California and Wisconsin.

Barb was awarded a “Lifetime Achievement Award” by Jazz in Arizona for her outstanding contribution to jazz education in the state of Arizona and was recently named the CMEA “Paul Shaghoian” Jazz Educator Award for 2021.



The Shawano Jazz Foundation has been in existence since 2009. The Foundation is dedicated to promoting life skills, creating opportunities, providing scholarships and enriching lives through jazz music. In order to meet our current mission and grow to provide further support for the local jazz community, we rely on the generosity of individuals and businesses for support. With the assistance of generous donors, we will be able to expand the number of scholarships awarded and support local jazz bands with opportunities to enrich their lives through attending and participating in festivals.

Our annual SHAZZ Festival provides a high-level educational experience that allows high school and middle school jazz programs to learn from some of the jazz industry’s finest musicians. It also enables the Foundation to provide scholarships for Shawano jazz students to attend summer jazz camps.

Many of our past scholarship recipients are currently attending college, studying music or have already started their career in the music industry. This is an amazing opportunity for our young musicians and the Shawano Jazz foundation takes immense pride in preparing young musicians for their future.

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 **Ashwaubenon High School**
Marc Jimos, Director Ashwaubenon, WI


Jaguar Jazz meets outside the school day. Students get extensive performance opportunities in jazz festivals and other performances in the community. Guest clinicians and soloists are important parts of the curriculum.

 **Ashwaubenon High School**
Ellen Moon, Director Ashwaubenon, WI

Jazz Lab rehearses outside the school day. Students perform at festivals and solo and ensemble festival.

 **AUBURNDALE HIGH SCHOOL**
Keaton Wegner, Director Auburndale, WI

The AHS Jazz Band is a group that meets once a week and has very unique instrumentation. The group participates in multiple jazz festivals each year as well as performing at numerous concerts throughout the year.

 **CLINTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**
Josh Heyer, Director Clintonville, WI

The Clintonville High School Jazz Ensemble consists of 9th - 12th grade students that meet before school every other school day. The ensemble performs at 3 concerts and 2 festivals each year.

 **COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL**
Tim Meinholz, Director Columbus, WI

The Columbus High School Jazz Ensemble has been participating in different jazz festivals around the state of Wisconsin for several years. They have been a regular participant at the Essentially Ellington Regional Festival hosted by Sun Prairie West High School for over 10 years. The group has also participated in the UW-Eau Claire Jazz Fest earning a 2nd place finish in their size schools in 2009. The ensemble has performed with several professional jazz artists including Grammy Award Winners Kurth Ellington, Eric Jacobsen and Grammy nominated Steve Wiest. They have also played with several college professors and professional musicians from throughout the United States.

 **DC EVEREST SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**
Joe Finnegan, Director Weston, WI

The DCE Jazz 1 ensemble is a group of musicians that meets daily for class instruction. The core of the class consists of ensemble playing and improving improvisational skills and techniques. Jazz 1 has performed at the Superintendents Convention in Milwaukee, and received many outstanding awards over the past 10 years, including an Exemplary Award for the State Solo and Ensemble festival this past school year.

DC Everest Jazz 2 is a group of students who love to play jazz music but find it hard to fit it into the regular school day because of class loads or class conflicts. This group meets twice a week and is full

of energy! Rehearsal time is spent learning, performing and enjoying music as well as just spending time together and creating music.

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DE PERE HIGH SCHOOL

Evan Marlowe, Director

De Pere, WI

Jazz Ensemble I is the top, auditioned, jazz ensemble at De Pere High School. The ensemble is a 1-Credit class that is offered year-round, every day, during the zero hour. This group performs regularly throughout the community, in concerts and in jazz festivals in the area.

Jazz Ensemble II is our non-auditioned open jazz ensemble at De Pere High School open to any band students grades 9-12. The ensemble is a 1-Credit class that is offered year-round, during the school day. This group performs regularly throughout the community, in concerts, and in jazz festivals in the area.



DENMARK HIGH SCHOOL

Vicky Wilda, Director

Denmark, WI

The Denmark HS Jazz Band gives an extra playing opportunity for musicians of all grade levels to grow their knowledge and independence through a variety of musical styles. Many students play secondary instruments in this ensemble, pushing themselves to learn more at every rehearsal. This ensemble typically travels to at least two jazz festivals and presents several concerts on their home stage each year.



EAU CLAIRE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

Joe McCausland, Director

Eau Claire, WI

Eau Claire North's Jazz I is the school's top jazz ensemble, performing at several concerts, community events, and festivals throughout the year. In 2024, ECN Jazz I received a perfect score and Exemplary Performance Certificate at the WSMA State Music Festival, and is looking to build on this momentum throughout the remainder of the school year. We are excited to be performing at SHAZZ once again!

Eau Claire North's Jazz II is an ensemble composed of students in grades 9-12 which performs at several school and community events throughout the year. Jazz II is excited to once again be performing at SHAZZ!



Green Bay East High School

Colt Maichle, Director

Green Bay, WI

The Green Bay East High School Jazz Ensemble includes students grades 9-12. The ensemble meets twice a week.



HORTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

John Leja, Director

Hortonville, WI

The HHS Jazz Ensemble is made of up some of the finest musicians from Hortonville High School. This auditioned group has performed over 10 times a year and plays a variety of standard swing tunes to modern Jazz songs by up-and-coming composers.



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LAKELAND UNION HIGH SCHOOL

William Richter, Director

Minocqua, WI

The Thunderbird Jazz Band rehearses before school 3 days a week for 30 minutes. They have performed for small events in the community and at the high school.

LUCK PUBLIC SCHOOL

 Emily Frozene, Director

Luck, WI

The Luck Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Mrs. Emily Frozene, is excited to travel to Shawano for today's festival. This extracurricular group represents the Luck School District, which serves approximately 400 students in the town of Luck, located in North West Wisconsin. The ensemble is composed of students in grades 7-12 and rehearses twice a week before school to refine their skills and pursue their passion for jazz.

This marks the Luck Jazz Ensemble's fourth year participating in the Shawano Jazz Festival, and we are honored to return to this event. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our administration, chaperones, parents, and the Sonja Petersen Richards Fund for their continued support in making this incredible experience possible year after year. It is a privilege to share our music and represent the Luck community at this festival!

MARQUETTE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

 Emily Morgan-Booth, Director

Marquette, MI

The Marquette Senior High School Jazz Ensemble hails from Marquette in Michigan's beautiful upper peninsula. We are an auditioned group of students ranging from 9th-12th grade. We rehearse on Tuesdays and Thursdays before school starts - a perfect way to start the day!

OCONTO FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

 Lauren Seidl, Director

Oconto Falls, WI

Our Oconto Falls High School Jazz Band is a fabulous group of 20 students from grades 9-12 that plays a large variety of music. We rehearse twice a week in the morning and are committed to working on music of all styles and genres. This year, we're playing in three concerts, three jazz festivals, and at Solo and Ensemble. We're super excited to share what we've been working on with you.

PULASKI HIGH SCHOOL

 Michael Guerrero, Director

Pulaski, WI

The Red Raider Jazz Band is an audition only group of students who choose to pursue big band performance, improvisation and style at the highest level in Pulaski High School. This ensemble meets three times a week and studies Jazz music of all eras and styles

The Pulaski High School Jazz Band II is made up of PHS Music students who choose to study big band performance, improvisation and style at a high level. This ensemble meets one night per week and studies Jazz music of all eras and styles.

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SHAWANO COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL



Christopher Kent, Director

Shawano, WI

The jazz program at Shawano High School has 2, one credit year-round courses. Shawano hosts their own festival every 2nd Saturday in March and has hosted guest artists including, Eric Marianthal, Wayne Bergeron, Andy Martin, Chuck Loeb, Wycliffe Gordon and Gordon Goodwin.

Shawano Jazz I has won their division 12 of the last 13 years at the Rolling Meadows Jazz Festival and won their division at the Purdue Jazz Festival in 2015, 2018, 2020 & 2025. Shawano Jazz 1 also received exemplary ratings at the UNC Greeley Jazz Festival. The band takes special pride in the energy they bring to each performance, in addition to being technically and stylistically precise.

The Jazz II sax section won the outstanding section award in their division at Purdue in 2025 and has won their division at the Shawano Jazz Festival in 2016, 2018 and 2022.

SHAWANO COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL



Erin Silk, Director

Shawano, WI

Shawano Middle School Jazz Band, under the direction of Erin Silk, is an ensemble made up of 7th and 8th grade students. Students perform a variety of styles including funk, rock, and swing. Students are also learning the basic skills and techniques for improvisation, and students will be performing improvised solos during their performances at SHAZZ. Shawano Middle School Jazz Band performs at two concerts every year and also performs for the elementary students in Shawano. We are very excited to have the opportunity to perform at SHAZZ again this year.

SPASH – STEVENS POINT AREA SENIOR HIGH



Brad Schmidt, Director

Stevens Point, WI

SPASH Jazz I meets every day for one class period, and is made up of the top jazz players in the school by audition only. The band travels and performs several times per year, attending the Shawano Jazz Fest for our sixteenth year in a row!!! We are very excited to work with the outstanding clinicians at this festival and to attend the amazing headliner concert this evening!!!



WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Jeremy Seelig, Director

Oconto Falls, WI

The WMS Jazz Band has been an active part of the Washington Middle School music program in Oconto Falls since its inception in 2014. These students meet a couple times a week and work toward building the knowledge and skills surrounding all type of jazz music in a big band setting. The WMS Jazz Band has been attended SHAZZ whenever possible and are glad to be back this year.



WAUSAU EAST HIGH SCHOOL

Curtis Hanson, Director

Wausau, WI

The Tophatter's Jazz Band is comprised of Wausau East High School Students from grades 9-12. The Wausau East jazz band has gone under the name Tophatter's ever since 1941 when the ensemble was first started by a group of eager students.



WAUSAU WEST HIGH SCHOOL

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