



## UMKC CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC AND DANCE Jazz Performance Opportunities

### Jazz Combos

There are six UMKC Jazz Combos in the Conservatory. Rehearsals are scheduled twice a week, and all combos perform live at local jazz clubs in the Kansas City metro area and in concerts at the Conservatory.

#### Directors

The groups are directed by Doug Auwarter, Dan Thomas, Gerald Spaits, and Bram Wijnands.

#### Auditions

Combo auditions are held concurrently with big band auditions during the first three days of the Fall semester. They are open to all students.

### Concert Jazz Band

The Conservatory Concert Jazz Band is the flagship jazz ensemble of the Conservatory. The instrumentation is that of a traditional jazz big band with five saxophones, four trumpets, four trombones and rhythm (piano, guitar, bass, drums, and percussion). The group often features student and faculty compositions as well as original compositions written especially for the group by Mr. Watson. Recent guest artists appearing with the band include Nicholas Payton, Howard Johnson, Robin Eubanks, Jaleel Shaw and Randy Brecker. In July of 2006 the band performed in Paris and at the Montreux and North Sea jazz festivals and in 2004 the ensemble was honored as the most outstanding university jazz ensemble at the fourth annual North Texas Jazz Festival in Addison, Texas receiving the Dr. M.E. "Gene" Hall Award. The group plans to continue traveling to additional festivals throughout the country and the world as the jazz program continues to grow.

#### Director

Bobby Watson, William D. and Mary Grant/Missouri Distinguished Professorship in Jazz Studies and Director of Jazz Studies

#### Recent Repertoire List

A Wheel Within a Wheel	Bobby Watson
Black, Brown and Beautiful	Oliver Nelson
Black Nile	Wayne Shorter Arr. Paul McKee
The Gates BBQ Suite (2008 world première)	Bobby Watson
Fee Fi Fo Fum	Wayne Shorter Arr. John Blair
Friday Night at the Cadillac Club	Bob Berg Arr. Mike Crotty
Fuller Love (In Case You Missed It)	Bobby Watson
Here's That Rainy Day	Van Heusen/Burke Arr. Frank Foster
Horizon Reassembled	Bobby Watson
Lemoncello	Bobby Watson Arr. Arthur White
Miss Fine	Oliver Nelson
More Than A Friend	Michael Pagán
Ms. B.C.	Pamela Baskin Watson Arr. Bobby Watson
Pere	Edward Simon Arr. David Jones
Simone	Frank Foster

The Concert Jazz Band is dedicated to performing classic jazz repertoire by the giants of jazz, past and present.

## 11 O'clock Jazz Band

The 11 O'clock Jazz Band was formed in 2000 as a result of the growing number of jazz majors and students interest in large jazz ensemble performance. Its instrumentation is that of a traditional big band: five trumpets, four trombones, five saxophones, piano, guitar, bass and drums. Participation is not limited to jazz majors or music majors - auditions are open to all UMKC students. The group has evolved into an outstanding ensemble that performs several times a year in concerts on and off campus.

### Director

Dan Thomas

### Recent Repertoire List

Anthropology

Avalon (1935)

Evidence

It's Just Talk

Mama Llama Samba

Purple Porpoise Parkway

Rhythmism

Spin Cycle

The Thrill Is Gone

Wide Awake

You'd be So Nice to Come Home To

Parker/Gillespie Arr. Mark Taylor

Rose/Jolson Arr. Eddie Durham

Thelonious Monk Arr. John Clayton

Pat Metheny Arr. Robert Curnow

Gordon Goodwin

Tom Kubis

Bob Washut

Alan Baylock

Brown/Henderson Arr. Don Dimick

Shawn Harrell

Cole Porter Arr. Michael Abene

## Jazz Faculty 2011-2012

### Bobby Watson

Director of Jazz Studies, Saxophone, Concert Jazz Band, Improvisation, Jazz Ear Training

### Dan Thomas

Assistant Professor of Jazz Studies, Eleven O'Clock Jazz Band, Improvisation,  
Jazz Styles and Analysis, Jazz Combo, Jazz Piano

### Ryan Sharp

Graduate Teaching Assistant

### Adjunct Professors:

#### Doug Auwarter

Percussion, Latin Combo

#### Steve Dekker

Trombone

#### Brandon Draper

Percussion

#### Rod Fleeman

Guitar

#### Stan Kessler

Trumpet, Business of Jazz/Commercial Music

#### Gerald Spaits

Double Bass

#### Bram Wijnands

Jazz Keyboard Techniques, Jazz Combo

#### Roger Wilder

Piano