



Important Info for the JazzWorks Jam Session Host Band

Welcome Host Band! You are an integral part of our jam tonight. You will be the backbone of the evening, and you will be able to showcase your talents as a group in an opening set before the jam begins.

JazzWorks hosts a jam session at Festival Japan (149 Kent St.) on the third Thursday of each month between September and June. The aim of the jams is twofold: to provide amateur bands who play together on a regular basis the chance to play a set and hone their skills with the jammers; and to provide the JazzWorks community with a time to gather, play music they love and practice in front of an audience. Both of these goals fulfil the overarching mandate of JazzWorks, which is to foster a love of and provide opportunities for jazz music throughout the Ottawa area.

A JazzWorks host band is ideally an amateur group that plays together regularly and is able to sight read tunes from the Real Book. The host band ideally contains an upright bass with amp, drums, a guitar amp, and any other combination of instruments desired. Note that the bass, drums, guitar amp (and keyboard if brought) will be “loaned out” to jammers after the band’s set. (A piano is on site but not guaranteed in tune...) If your band does not have an upright bass or drums, please let the coordinator know as we will need to make a provision for that for the jammers.

As the host band, **you should arrive at 6:30pm** to set up and do sound check – there is a JazzWorks sound person on site and a sound system is provided. Any cabling to get your instrument connected to the board should be brought by you.

Your band will play a 40-minute set before the jam starts, between 7:30-8:15. **PLEASE START AND END ON TIME!!** There is a vocal mic if you would like to introduce your songs. After your set, you will be asked to play along with the songs the jammers have signed up to do or lend your instruments (not guitar) to other jammers.

A few things to note:

- Each member of your band will receive a complimentary drink and appy from the restaurant. You may order that ahead of your set or at any time you are on a break from playing.
- There is no monetary compensation for the host band.
- There is no free advertising for the host band other than getting exposure to play a set before the jam.
- The jam ends around 10:30pm and the host band should expect to stay until the end.

We hope you enjoy playing with JazzWorks as much as we enjoy working with you!