



Important Info for the JazzWorks Jam Session Host Band

Welcome Host Band! You are an integral part of our jam session. 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 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 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 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 bassist (with amp), piano player or guitarist, and drummer with kit. Note that the bass and drums will be “loaned out” to jammers after the band’s set. ***As the host band, it is your responsibility to make sure you have the following items at the jam, even if you do not have that particular instrumentation in your group:***

- o upright bass (not electric) with amp
- o drum kit
- o cables needed to hook up any of your instruments

If you are very stuck for these items, please let the jam band 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 45-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 may be asked to play along with the songs the jammers have signed up to do or lend your instruments 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 10:30-11pm and the host band is expected to stay until the end.***

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