Dear Jazz Educators,

Hello! Congratulations to all the students who made the 2009 All State Jazz Band and to all their directors for giving them this opportunity to be a part of a great ensemble! Michael Kocour, the 2009 All State Clinician, was a great educator to our students which led to a wonderful All State Jazz Performance. Also, congratulations to all the Missouri jazz bands who gave great performances at the MMEA conference, as well as all the wonderful jazz clinics that were offered this year.

The executive board of the Missouri Association of Jazz Education would like to thank everyone for their support during the recent changes in our state organization. Our membership is growing strong, and our executive board is excited about our new state organization. If you are not a member yet and would like to join, please go our website www.moaje.org and you will find all the information you need on how to join.

If you have any questions regarding our organization, want to contribute ideas, suggestions, and articles for the upcoming newsletters, or just have questions about what our state organization does, please feel free to contact me or any executive board member.

Sincerely,

Lori

Lori Hutton
MOAJE Secretary
Jess Cole Award Recipient

The Jess Cole Award was awarded to Garry Anders at the 2009 MMEA Conference. Garry Anders has taught instrumental music in Missouri for thirty years. He taught in Fayette from 1975-77, Odessa from 1978-81 and Grandview from 1983-2007. He is currently the director of instrumental music studies at Missouri Valley College in Marshall. Mr. Anders received his B.S.ed in 1975 from University of Missouri-Columbia and Master of Music in 1978 from New Mexico State University under the direction of Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser. He has received additional college credit from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, University of Central Missouri, and Vandercook School of Music, Chicago.
Mr. Anders has directed marching, concert and jazz bands at middle and high school levels. He has been nominated numerous times as a mentor teacher by high school students attending the Missouri Fine Arts Academy and the Missouri Scholars Academy. He received “Outstanding Teacher of the Year” from Grandview High School in 2006. He is the recipient of the Phi Bet Mu "Charles Emmons Outstanding Band Director Award for 2008. Mr. Anders has presented clinics for conventions of the Missouri Bandmasters Association, the Missouri Music Educators Association, and The Midwest Clinic.

While at Grandview, Mr. Anders' ensembles performed at conferences of the Missouri Bandmasters Association, Missouri Music Educators Association, National Association for Music Education in Minneapolis, International Association for Jazz Education in New York, “Essentially Ellington” at Lincoln Center, and The Midwest Clinic: An International Band and Orchestra Conference in Chicago. Congratulations to Garry for the many lives he has touched and influenced over the years.

**JEN – Jazz Education Network**

The Jazz Education Network is the new educational Jazz organization headed by President Mary Jo Papich (a Missouri native) and Vice President Lou Fischer. The mission of this organization “is dedicated to building the jazz arts community by advancing education, promoting performance and developing new audiences.” The executive board is made up of jazz educators, including Ellen Rowe, 2006 Missouri All State Jazz Director and Jim Widner, a Missouri native and currently Director of Jazz at UMSL. The official publication for JEN is the JazzEd magazine, www.jazzedmagazine.com. If you wish to join JEN, you can find out more by visiting their website at www.jazzednet.org. There are several different membership levels to choose from. MOAJE is now an Affiliate of JEN. All members of MOAJE can become a member of JEN at an affiliate price. If you would like to join JEN at the affiliate price, please contact MOAJE Treasurer Cathy Coonis at cdcoonis@hotmail.com.
Revised Constitution

Due to the loss of IAJE and the restructuring of our state organization, we have made revisions in our constitution. You can find the revised edition on our website at www.moaje.org. The membership will be voting on this revised constitution in May along with the election of officers. If there are any questions, please contact one of the executive board members.

Election of Officers

MOAJE will hold the election of officers in May. If you would like to run for an office or would like to nominate someone, please email Tim Aubuchon, MOAJE president, by April 15th.

Summer Jazz Camps

Please encourage your students to attend summer jazz camps! What a terrific way for your students to come back to your program excited to share with the other students all they have learned. They will be better musicians, perhaps understand jazz theory a little better and have a feel for the historical importance of jazz music. Some schools will hold benefit concerts at the end of the school year to help off-set the financial cost of camps. Some schools award scholarships for students to attend the jazz camps provided by a booster organization or a benefactor. The relationship they will make with the professional clinicians will stay with them the rest of their lives and they will always remember the experiences of this important opportunity.

Go to our website www.moaje.org and check out some of the camps that are offered in Missouri this summer. You will find dates, contact information, websites, and clinicians/artists.
Jazz Greats Who Passed In 2008

Submitted by Michael Pagan

Courtesy of Jazz@Rochester.com

Gene Allen: baritone saxophonist, 79
Norm Baltazar: trumpeter ('61 Kenton mellophonium orch.), 76
Joe Beck: guitarist, 62
Mike Beisner: Four Freshmen vocalist-trumpeter (1982-88/90-92), 53
Sid Bulkin: drummer, 83
Ozzie Cadena: record producer (Savoy label), club manager (Lighthouse), 83
Pete Candoli: trumpeter (largely big band lead player), 84
Dave Carpenter: bassist, 48
Page Cavanaugh: pianist-singer-combo leader, 86
Arnie Chycoski: trumpeter (lead with Rob McConnell's Boss Brass), 72
William Claxton: photographer, 80
Jimmy Cleveland: trombonist, 82
Leo Curran: Kenton band (1947-53), 81
Bobby Durham: drummer, 71
Ray Ellis: tenor saxophonist-arranger-conductor, 85
Ed Fenner: Kansas City jazz advocate-writer (the "KC Jazz Voice LLC"), 70
Bill Finegan: pianist/big band comp-arranger, co-leader of Sauter-Finegan Orch., 91
Bob Florence: pianist-bandleader-composer-arranger, 75
Jimmy Giuffre: tenor saxophonist-clarinetist-composer, 86
Johnny Griffin: tenor saxophonist, 80
Earle Hagen: trombonist-turned composer (largely for TV and movies), 88
Connie Haines: big band singer, 87
Neal Hefti: big band trumpeter-composer-arranger, 85
Freddie Hubbard: trumpeter, 70
Peter J. Levinson: author (books on T. Dorsey, H. James, N. Riddle), 74
Humphrey Lyttelton: British trumpeter (later radio game show host), 86
Teo Macero: record producer (Columbia Records, etc.), 82
Ronnie Mathews: pianist, 72
Jimmy McGriff: blues organist, 72
Dave McKenna: pianist, 78
Wilfred Middlebrooks: bassist, 74
Charlie Ottaviano: jazz club owner (Charlie-O's since 2000), 66
Earl Palmer: drummer, 83
Gene Puerling: vocal arranger-leader (Hi-Lo's, Singers Unlimited), 78
Bob Popescu: jazz club owner (Hollywood Catalina Bar & Grill since 1986), 77
Ray Reed: alto sax-flute (1965-68 Kenton lead player), 66
Joe Romano: alto-tenor sax/flute, 76
Jo Stafford: big band-pop singer, 90
Phil Urso: tenor sax, 82
Gerald Wiggins: pianist, 86
Lee Young: drummer, 94

MOAJE Website
Make sure you check out our wonderful website and come back often for updates. Jeff Melsha, our webmaster keeps everything up to date. You can find our mission statement, constitution, executive board members and contact information, newsletters, state audition music, MOAJE minutes, past presidents, past All State Jazz Directors, Jess Cole Award, Jazz Directory, and information on Jazz Festivals and Summer Jazz Camps. If you are hosting a jazz camp this summer, please send information to Jeff Melsha, our webmaster, so the info can be posted on our website.

MOAJE Jam Session at MMEA

One of the highlights of the MMEA jazz educators is our annual Jam Session. This year it was held on Wednesday night in the Black Bear Lodge Restaurant. Many jazz educators were there to share their talents. Thanks to Vice-President Michael Pagan for organizing the jam session.