



LET MY CHILDREN HEAR MUSIC
15TH ANNUAL
CHARLES MINGUS FESTIVAL &
HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION

15th Annual Charles Mingus Festival & High School Competition
Final Adjudication | Feb 19, 2023

OUTSTANDING COMBO

Newark Academy Jazz Combo
Newark Academy, Livingston, New Jersey
Director: Julius Tolentino

OUTSTANDING SPECIALIZED COMBO

SFJAZZ High School All-Stars Combo
SFJAZZ, San Francisco, California
Director: Dann Zinn

OUTSTANDING BIG BAND

NEWARK ACADEMY "CHAMELEON"
Newark Academy, Livingston, New Jersey
Director: Julius Tolentino

OUTSTANDING SPECIALIZED BIG BAND

SFJAZZ High School All-Stars Big Band
SFJAZZ, San Francisco, California
Director: Paul Contos

OUTSTANDING ENSEMBLE

Farmer, Schwartzman, Towse Trio
Brooklyn, New York
Self-Directed

MINGUS SPIRIT AWARD COMBO CATEGORY

Jazz House Ambassadors Combo
Jazz House Kids, Montclair, New Jersey
Director: Mike Lee



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MINGUS SPIRIT AWARD BIG BAND CATEGORY

Paschal Jazz Ensemble I
Paschal High School, Fort Worth, Texas
Director: Matt Sawyer

OUTSTANDING SOLOISTS COMBO CATEGORY

Ben Collins-Siegel - Piano, 10th - Newark Academy Jazz Combo
Shivan Kundra - Trumpet, 12th - Newark Academy Jazz Combo
Jacob Tolentino - Trumpet, 11th - Newark Academy Jazz Combo
Ben Schwartz - Drums, 11th - Newark Academy Jazz Combo

Jude Seiner, Bass, 12th - Newton South High School Jazz Ensemble
Yua Zhou - Alto Saxophone, 12th - Newton South High School Jazz Combo

Ruby Farmer - Bass, 11th - Farmer, Schwartzman, Towse Trio
William Schwartzman - Piano, 12th - Farmer, Schwartzman, Towse Trio
Spencer Towse - Drums, 12th - Farmer, Schwartzman, Towse Trio

Charles Dutta - Piano, 12th - Jazz at Lincoln Center "The Jazz Collective" Combo
Laura-Simone Martin - Bass, 12th - Jazz at Lincoln Center "The Jazz Collective" Combo
Priyanka Magavi - Trombone, 11th - Jazz at Lincoln Center "The Jazz Collective" Combo
Giles Underwood - Tenor Saxophone, 12th - Jazz at Lincoln Center "The Jazz Collective"

Alvaro Caravaca - Trumpet, 12th - Jazz House Ambassadors Combo
Jacquie Lee - Violin / Vocals, 12th - Jazz House Ambassadors Combo
Mecadon McCune - Drums, 12th - Jazz House Ambassadors Combo
Ginger Meyer - Alto Saxophone, 12th - Jazz House Ambassadors Combo
Riley Ying - Bass, 12th - Jazz House Ambassadors Combo

Kazeem Elebute - Trombone, 12th - SFJAZZ High School All-Stars Combo
Reese Hsu - Drums, 12th - SFJAZZ High School All-Stars Combo
Elijah Silverman - Tenor Saxophone, 12th - SFJAZZ High School All-Stars Combo
Skylar Tang - Trumpet, 11th - SFJAZZ High School All-Stars Combo



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OUTSTANDING SOLOISTS BIG BAND CATEGORY

Charlie Kunzweiler, Trombone, 12th - Newark Academy "Chameleon"
Anirudh Chakravarthy, Tenor Saxophone, 11th - Newark Academy "Chameleon"

Cal Rustad, Trumpet, 11th - Paschal Jazz Ensemble I
Ezekiel Luera, Bass, 11th - Paschal Jazz Ensemble I

Jared Wang, Tenor Saxophone, 11th - Newton South High School Jazz Combo
Alex Ma, Trumpet, 12th - Newton South High School Jazz Ensemble
Alexander Xhoja, Piano, 12th - Newton South High School Jazz Ensemble

Elijah Allen, Trumpet, 12th - Jazz at Lincoln Center Youth Orchestra
Felipe Feldman, Baritone Saxophone, 12th - Jazz at Lincoln Center Youth Orchestra

Nicholas Oclassen, Trombone, 12th - SFJAZZ High School All-Stars Big Band
Isaiah Javier, Tenor Saxophone, 12th - SFJAZZ High School All-Stars Big Band
Simon Aks, Guitar, 12th - SFJAZZ High School All-Stars Big Band

Nick Mikhail, Trumpet, 12th - Jazz House Big Band
James Pakhomou, Piano, 10th - Jazz House Big Band

OUTSTANDING BRASS SECTION

SFJAZZ High School All-Stars Big Band
SFJAZZ, San Francisco, California
Director: Paul Contos

OUTSTANDING WOODWINDS SECTION

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OUTSTANDING RHYTHM SECTION

Jazz House Big Band
Jazz House Kids, Montclair, New Jersey
Director: Nathan Eklund

THE CHARLES MINGUS ELECTRIC BASS AWARD

Sam Konin, Electric Bass, 8th
"The Dry Cleaner From Des Moines"
Jazz House Ambassadors Combo
Jazz House Kids, Montclair, New Jersey
Director: Mike Lee

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ARRANGEMENT FOR COMBO

"Girl of my Dreams" arr. Ben Collins-Siegel
Newark Academy Jazz Combo
Newark Academy, Livingston, New Jersey
Director: Julius Tolentino

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ARRANGEMENT FOR SPECIALIZED COMBO

"Goodbye Pork Pie Hat" arr. Skylar Tang
SFJAZZ High School All-Stars Combo
SFJAZZ, San Francisco, California
Director: Dann Zinn

THE NEW SCHOOL OF JAZZ SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

\$35,000 - William Schwartzman - Piano, 12th - Farmer, Schwartzman, Towse Trio
\$25,000 - Kazeem Elebute - Trombone, 12th - SFJAZZ High School All-Stars Combo
\$15,000 - Jacque Lee - Violin / Vocals, 12th - Jazz House Ambassadors Combo