



Dear Director:

I am pleased to announce the **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Carol Moore Memorial Jazz Festival**, held at Mineral Area College, March 10, 2018. This competitive festival is open to middle school/junior high and high school ensembles. Schools may elect to receive comments only. MSHSAA school music classifications will be used to determine class. **Entry fees are \$200 per first ensemble and \$140 for each for additional ensemble.**

This year Mineral Area College welcomes Chilean-born, New York City-based tenor saxophonist and bandleader Melissa Aldana, whose uniquely personal sound and innovative musical approach have established her as one of the most vital and important voices in music today. Aldana moved to the US in 2007, where she studied at Berklee College of Music and was mentored by tenor saxophone great George Garzone. She moved to New York City in 2009, where she apprenticed with jazz greats such as Greg Osby and George Coleman. In 2013, she became the first female instrumentalist and the first South American ever to win the Thelonious Monk competition. She is also the recipient of the Martin E. Segal award from Jazz at Lincoln Center and a double recipient of the Altazor Award, Chile's highly prestigious national arts prize. Aldana has released four albums as a leader. The New York Times described her most recent album with her Crash Trio, the 2016 release *Back Home*, as "a supremely focused statement. NPR Music described her as "a bold new talent . . .with her own style."

Melissa Aldana will present a master class at noon as well as two performances in the evening with the Mineral Area College Jazz Ensemble and the Mineral Area College Kicks Band. The evening performances will take place at 6pm and 8:30pm. **Advance tickets are available at \$7 for students/directors and \$15 for adults.**

The college will provide chairs, stands, drum set, piano, vibes, guitar and bass amps as well as stacked risers for each band. Professional sound and microphones will be provided. Bands will have 25 minutes to set up, perform, and leave the performing area.

I hope you will join us for this special event, which promises to inform and inspire our students.

Deadline for entry is **February 17** and please make checks payable to **MINERAL AREA COLLEGE**.

If you have any questions feel free to contact us at [bwood@mineralarea.edu](mailto:bwood@mineralarea.edu) or call 573.518.2256.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bennett Wood".

Bennett Wood, Director  
Mineral Area College Jazz Festival