



# MINERAL AREA COLLEGE

December 17, 2018

Dear Jazz Ensemble Director,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mineral Area College Carol Moore Memorial Jazz Festival** to be held on **March 1 and 2, 2019**.

This year we are thrilled to feature extraordinary trumpeter and educator **Sean Jones** as our guest artist. A prolific performer and recording artist, Mr. Jones recently released his eighth recording as a leader, *Live from Jazz at the Bistro* on Mack Avenue Records. His résumé as a sideman is highlighted by stints with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra and SF Jazz Collective, as well as being selected by Marcus Miller, Herbie Hancock, and Wayne Shorter to serve as the featured trumpeter for their Tribute to Miles Tour in 2011. In addition to his work as a performer, Mr. Jones is the artistic director of the Pittsburgh Jazz Orchestra, Artist-in-Residence at San Francisco Performances, and was appointed as the director of Carnegie Hall's NYO Jazz, which made its Carnegie Hall debut and inaugural European tour in the summer of 2018. Mr. Jones is the Richard and Elizabeth Case Chair of Jazz Studies at the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University. **Sean Jones** will provide a clinic at noon and be featured in live performance at 6pm **on both March 1 and 2, 2019** in the **MAC Theater**.

In addition to Sean Jones' clinics, over the course of the two-day festival each of our adjudicators will present a daytime masterclass. It is my hope that, in addition to listening to other ensembles perform, your students will take advantage of these masterclasses and find them to be meaningful learning experiences while in attendance at the festival.

The festival is open to middle school, high school, and college ensembles. Each performing ensemble will receive taped comments from the judges as well as a clinic following their performance. Performance awards will be given to ensembles and soloists who are deemed "outstanding" by the judges. The outstanding ensembles will be announced at each day's evening concert.

Enclosed is information on entry deadlines, fees, rules, and discounted pre-sale tickets for the evening concerts. Please complete the application on our website – [www.mineralarea.edu/jazzfestival](http://www.mineralarea.edu/jazzfestival) – as soon as possible. Applications and ticket reservations will be taken on a "first come, first served" basis. I look forward to the opportunity to welcome you and your ensembles to our campus for the festival!

Sincerely,

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

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