

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Thomas Middle School's Jazz Jamboree Enters its 19th Year



January 20th, 2016

Arlington Heights, IL – Professionals, students, teachers and community members will all converge at Thomas Middle School this Saturday with one goal in mind, jam to some tunes.

This all-day Jazz Jamboree will feature twelve junior high bands, all from the area, and two hired professionals to provide the bands with educational critiques and observations after each of their performances.

“This is not a competitive event,” Thomas Band Director, Dana Berry said, “so there is no stress or pressure. Each band will get the opportunity to play in a neat setting and have a 30 minute clinic to learn.”

Berry organized this event nineteen years ago to better showcase the amazing things that junior high bands can do. There will be a lot of educational value as each band will receive feedback from someone other than their daily band director.

“It is a true community event,” Berry said. “Bands from all over the area will converge with one goal in mind, showcasing and teaching youth music.”

The featured performances will each be an hour and will be performed by the Tim Seisser Trio and the Mark O’Connor Quintet. Pizza and snacks will be sold all day creating a casual bistro setting.

Admission is \$5 for adults and free for students. For the schedule and more details, please scroll to page two of this release.

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Featuring

**Tim
Seisser**

Trio
10:30

Jazz
Jamboree



19th
Annual

and

**Mark
O'Connor**

Quintet
2:30

Saturday, January 23, 2016, 8:00 A.M.

Admission: Adults - \$5, students - Free

Guests include:

- 8:00 Fremont 6th Grade Jazz Band, Mundelein
- 8:30 Wood Dale Jazz Band, Wood Dale
- 9:00 Fremont 7th Grade Jazz Band, Mundelein
- 9:30 Fremont 8th Grade Jazz Band, Mundelein

10:30 Feature Performance, "Tim Seisser Trio"

- 11:30 Lincoln Jazz Band, Mt. Prospect
- 12:00 BMS Jazz Band (Blackhawk MS), Bensenville
- 12:30 Mac Arthur Middle School Jazz Band, Prospect Heights
- 1:00 Emerson Jazz Band, Niles

2:00 Feature Performance "Mark O'Connor Quintet"

- 3:00 Clarendon Hills Jazz Band, Clarendon Hills
- 3:30 River Trails Middle School Jazz Ensemble, Mt. Prospect
- 4:00 Thomas Jazz Band, Arlington Heights
- 4:30 London Jazz Band, Wheeling

**At THOMAS MIDDLE SCHOOL,
1430 N. Belmont, Arlington Heights**

Pizza and snacks for sale all day



**Elegant Bistro
setting**