

# LET MY CHILDREN HEAR MUSIC THE CHARLES MINGUS INSTITUTE



## CHARLES MINGUS HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION & FESTIVAL Friday, February 14 - Monday, February 17, 2014

### HIGH SCHOOL FINALISTS ANNOUNCED!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Sue Mingus and Let My Children Hear Music/The Charles Mingus Institute and Justin DiCioccio and the Manhattan School of Music announce finalists (see attached) and an exciting lineup for the Charles Mingus High School Competition and Festival weekend, February 14-17, 2014. Entries to this year's Competition include big bands and combos from all over the nation and show hard work and great dedication. The 2014 Festival will include events produced together with Manhattan School of Music as well as other events produced by Let My Children Hear Music. The Mingus Big Band will perform all weekend at Jazz Standard. On Sunday night, "outstanding soloists" from the Competition will have an opportunity to sit in with the band.

On Saturday a full day of clinics and workshops at the Manhattan School of Music (122nd Street & Broadway) will feature master classes for instruments and sections, lectures, films, and clinics that explore aspects of Mingus music, followed by a student Mingus jam. Prominent educators and musicians will participate in the clinics and adjudicate the Competition on Sunday.

Please note various locations for the other events taking place. All events are open to the public. More details to be announced at <http://www.CharlesMingus.org>

#### SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

**FRIDAY, FEB 14-SUNDAY, FEB 16 MINGUS BIG BAND at Jazz Standard 116 E. 27th btw Park & Lex**  
<http://jazzstandard.com>. Sets at 7:30pm/9:30pm. Fri & Sat third set at 11:30pm. Fri/Sat: \$30/\$15 students, Sunday \$25/\$12.50 students.

**SATURDAY, FEB 15**  
**-FULL DAY OF CLINICS, MASTER CLASSES, AND JAMS at Manhattan School of Music 122nd Street & Broadway** <http://www.msmnyc.edu>. Free and open to the public.

**SUNDAY, FEB 16**  
**-Mingus High School COMPETITION at Manhattan School of Music. 122nd Street & Broadway. MSM Mingus group and Mingus Dynasty performs. Free and open to the public.**

**-MINGUS BIG BAND at Jazz Standard. Sets 7:30 & 9:30 with Outstanding Soloists from the Competition sitting in. \$25/\$12.50 students**

**MONDAY, FEB 17 MINGUS band at Jazz Standard 116 E. 27th btw Park & Lex.**  
Sets at 7:30/9:30. \$25/\$12.50 students

Schedule subject to change. Please visit [CharlesMingus.org](http://CharlesMingus.org).

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## 2014 MINGUS HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION FINALISTS

The finalists (in alphabetical order by school) are:

### **BIG BAND CATEGORY**

Boston Latin School Big Band, Boston, MA. Band Director: Paul J. Pitts  
Lexington High School Jazz Ensemble, Lexington, MA. Band Director: Andrew Held  
Newark Academy Big Band “Chameleon”, Livingston, NJ. Band Director: Julius Tolentino

### **COMBO CATEGORY (tie - 4 groups will compete)**

Folsom High School Jazz Combo I, Folsom, CA. Band Director: Curtis Gaesser  
Lexington High School Jazz Combo, Lexington, MA. Band Director: Andrew Held  
Rio Americano High School Jazz Combo, Sacramento, CA. Band Directors: Max Kiesner & Josh Murray  
The Rivers Select Combo I, The Rivers School, Weston, MA. Band Director: Philippe Crettien

### **BIG BAND CATEGORY - Specialized Schools and Programs**

Pacific Crest Jazz Orchestra, The American Music Program, Portland, OR. Band Director: Thara Memory  
The Jazz House Big Band, Jazz House Kids, Montclair, NJ. Band Director: Julius Tolentino  
La Guardia High School Senior Jazz Band, New York, NY. Band Director: Kevin Blancq

### **COMBO CATEGORY - Specialized Schools and Program**

Batterman Ensemble, Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, Milwaukee, WI. Band Directors: Mark Davis & Eric Jacobson  
The Jazz House Messengers, Jazz House Kids, Montclair, NJ. Band Director: Bruce Williams  
Manhattan School of Music Precollege Combo, New York, NY. Band Director: Felipe Salles

“You are guaranteed a great and profound experience when you perform music by this giant of jazz composition.”

—Gunther Schuller, conductor/ Pulitzer Prize-winning composer/educator

“The deep study of this music has affected our lives. It’s changed us as people and players.”

—Jeffery Leonard, band director



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