



Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

Subject: Message #195: Invitation- Virtual Jazz Informance hosted by Education Secretary Miguel Cardona and Herbie Hancock
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Dear Arkansas Educators,

The Herbie Hancock Institute of Jazz, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Education, will present a virtual [Jazz Informance](#) on Tuesday, April 13 at 1 p.m. ET. Hosted by U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona and 14-time GRAMMY Award-winning jazz legend Herbie Hancock. The event – a combination of performance with educational information – will feature seven of the country’s most gifted high school music students and renowned jazz educator Dr. J. B. Dyas. The event will focus not only on what jazz is and why it is so important to America but also on the American values that jazz represents: teamwork, unity with ethnic diversity, the correlation of hard work and goal accomplishment, perseverance, democracy, and listening to one another.

Below is the press release. Register to receive a unique “join” link. Students younger than 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian complete the registration form.

Click here to register: <https://hancockinstitute.org/what-is-jazz-doe-2021/>

Download the full press release here: <https://hancockinstitute.org/media/US-Department-of-Education-National-Peer-to-Peer-Septet-Virtual-Jazz-Informance-2021-Press-Release-Final.pdf>

Learn more about the National Performing Arts High Schools Jazz Program here:
<https://hancockinstitute.org/education-program/performing-arts-hs/>

Learn more about the Peer-to-Peer Jazz Education Initiative here:
<https://hancockinstitute.org/education-program/peer-to-peer-program/>

Please share this information with others that might be interested. Thank you for serving the students of Arkansas.

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