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Dear Jazz Ensemble Director:

On behalf of NMU Friends of Jazz, the NMU Department of Music, and the NMU College of Arts and Sciences, it is a pleasure to invite you and your jazz ensemble to participate in the **15th Annual Northern Michigan University Jazz Festival to be held on the NMU campus on Friday, April 15th, 2011.**

This year's event will feature Latin jazz trumpeter and arranger/composer (and Yamaha Performing Artist), **Michael Philip Mossman**, who has a tremendous reputation as both a performer and an educator. He has been active on the international scene since the age of 17, and has performed and recorded with his own groups and with bands led by a wide range of musicians, including Dizzy Gillespie, Toshiko Akiyoshi, Tito Puente, Eddie Palmieri, Art Blakey, and Joe Henderson. Mossman's solo album, *The Orisha Suite*, was nominated for a Latin Grammy in 2003, and he was also featured as lead trumpet and arranger on Jazz at Lincoln Center's Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra's 2005 Grammy nominated album, *Una Noche Inolvidable*. Mossman's work as an educator in the area of Latin jazz is particularly noteworthy, and his Afro-Cuban and Brazilian jazz arrangements have become standard repertoire in student and professional ensembles. He is currently lead trumpeter with Jazz at Lincoln Center's Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra, and Professor and Director of Jazz Studies at the Aaron Copland School of Music at Queens College in New York City. We are very pleased that he will be joining us for the NMU Jazz Festival this year in Marquette!

The opening concert for this year's festival will be held at 8:00pm on Thursday, April 14th in Reynolds Recital Hall, and it will feature the NMU Faculty and Friends Jazz Combo with various guest artists, clinicians, and adjudicators. During the morning and afternoon of April 15th, high school and middle school bands will perform in 20 minute time slots and then participate in a clinic with an adjudicator. There will also be an afternoon jam session for all participants, and clinics will be presented by Michael Philip Mossman and other clinicians throughout the day. The final concert, featuring Michael Philip Mossman and the NMU Jazz Band will begin at 7:30pm in Kaufman Auditorium, and as usual, it promises to be the highlight of the festival!

There is a \$200 entry fee for each participating ensemble. (Additional ensembles from the same school can register for \$75.) In addition to reserving a performance slot for your band, this fee covers administrative costs, rental/maintenance of equipment and facilities, and the payment of clinicians and adjudicators. As in previous years, lunch will be available in the Wildcat Den (one of the University cafeterias). Your students will want to bring \$7.50 in order to enjoy the "all-you-can-eat" buffet.

The entry deadline for the festival is Monday, March 7, and a registration form is enclosed. Entries will be processed in the order they are received. Please bear in mind – space is limited.

Feel free to contact me if you require any additional information. I hope you will be able to join us for what promises to be a memorable jazz experience!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark R. Flaherty".

Mark Flaherty
Director, NMU Jazz Festival

**THE 15th ANNUAL NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
JAZZ FESTIVAL, HOSTED BY *NMU FRIENDS OF JAZZ*
FRIDAY, APRIL 15th, 2011**

INFORMATION AND RULES

- I. DEFINITIONS
- A. Eligible Ensembles
1. Big Band – minimum of eleven student musicians
 2. Combo – 2-10 student musicians
- II. REGULATIONS
- A. On-Stage Performing Time: **20 minutes (maximum)**
- B. Repertoire: There are no specific repertoire requirements. Most ensembles choose to perform 3-4 contrasting selections.
- C. Equipment: **Ensembles are required to bring their own drum sets, sticks, instrument cables, amps, etc.**
- D. Fees: **\$200 entry fee for each participating school (additional ensembles from the same school can register for \$75). Please make checks payable to “NMU FRIENDS OF JAZZ.”**
- E. Registration Deadline: **Monday, March 7, 2011**
- III. HOUSING
- A. If you are in need of accommodations, please be aware that housing is NOT available on the NMU campus. The official hotel for the 2011 NMU Jazz Festival is the Country Inn and Suites. They are offering discounted rates for visiting bands, and they can be contacted at the number below:

Country Inn & Suites
2472 US Hwy 41 W.
Marquette, MI 49855
906-225-1300

Questions should be directed to:

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**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE 15th ANNUAL
NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY JAZZ FESTIVAL**

THURSDAY, APRIL 14th, 2011

**8:00pm Opening Concert (free) featuring the NMU Faculty
and Friends Jazz Combo, Guest Clinicians
and Adjudicators
(Reynolds Recital Hall)**

FRIDAY, APRIL 15th, 2011

**8:00am-5:00pm High School Performances and Clinics
20+ schools anticipated
(Jamrich 102 & 103,
Reynolds Recital Hall)**

**9:00am-5:00pm Various Clinics – Presented by Michael Philip
Mossman & Other Guest Clinicians
(Reynolds Recital Hall, Jamrich Hall,
Thomas Fine Arts)**

**11:00pm-2:00pm Lunch & Jam Session for all participants
(University Center – Wildcat Den)**

**7:30pm Festival Concert (tickets required)
Featuring Michael Philip Mossman with the
NMU Jazz Band & Combo
(Kaufman Auditorium)**

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REGISTRATION FORM

SCHOOL NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DIRECTOR'S NAME _____

SCHOOL PHONE _____ HOME PHONE _____

FAX NUMBER _____ E-MAIL _____

WILL YOU BE ARRIVING IN MARQUETTE ON THURSDAY EVENING? Yes No

HOW MANY BIG BANDS WILL YOU BE BRINGING TO THE FESTIVAL? _____

HOW MANY COMBOS WILL YOU BE BRINGING TO THE FESTIVAL? _____

- 1) ENTRY FEE (for one ensemble)..... \$200
 NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL ENSEMBLES _____ x \$75 \$ _____
- 2) DISCOUNTED FRIDAY EVENING CONCERT TICKETS FOR
 DIRECTOR(S), STUDENTS, & CHAPERONE(S) _____ x \$7 \$ _____

TOTAL..... \$ _____

PLEASE NOTE: MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO

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Please return this form and required fees by Monday, March 7, 2011 to:

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