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21st Annual Boardman High School Jazz Fest

The 21st annual BHS Jazz Fest will take place Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00pm in the Boardman Performing Arts Center. The event will feature BHS Jazz Ensembles 1 and 2, the 8th Grade Jazz Ensemble, the 2k23 Pop/Rock Band, the OMEA District 5 Mahoning Honors Jazz Band, and very special guest artist Jim Garber on piano. The Jazz Fest has consistently grown in popularity and attendance due to its tradition of high-quality performances and talented guest artists. Admission at the door is only \$3. Senior citizens will be admitted free of charge. Doors open at 6:15pm.

Local musician Jim Garber will be playing with most of the groups at the concert. Jim is from Warren, Ohio, and graduated from Youngstown State University in 1980 with a Bachelor of Music Degree, majoring in piano performance and jazz performance. His musical experiences include having played with the YSU Faculty Jazz Quartet and with numerous local musicians. Jim currently performs regularly with the W.D. Packard Big Band Jazz Ensemble and Dixieland Band.

Jim served for over 35 years in music ministry with the Christian and Missionary Alliance, retiring in 2021. He and his wife, Linda, have been married 42 years and have two adult sons and four grandchildren.

Director of Bands Thomas Ruggieri has shared the stage with Jim since college and is constantly amazed at his musicianship. The two still play together with the Packard bands. Ruggieri says, “The Big Band Sound of Packard is filled with talented, seasoned professionals. When Jim Garber plays solos with the band, we all take notice like we are young players who’ve never heard anyone play so well.”

Jim will join the groups at the Jazz Fest on songs to include, “It Don’t Mean A Thing (If It Ain’t Got That Swing),” “One Mint Julep,” “Moanin’,” “On The Sunny Side of the Street,” and “Let’s Shout.” The concert will also feature the talented playing and singing of students in the entire Boardman Jazz Program including the exciting 2k23 Pop/Rock Band which will do a fun version of “These Boots are Made for Walkin’.”



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