



JAZZ BAND I • JAZZ BAND II • JAZZ BAND III • VOCAL JAZZ
Scott Brown, Director

Big Band Dance and Auction – March 24, 2012

Dear Friend,

Roosevelt High School Jazz is something that all of us in the Seattle community can be proud of! On Saturday, March 24th, 2012 we will hold our exciting annual auction, with entertainment provided by our amazing student musicians and showcasing the excellent programs we are working to preserve. **Please consider joining us as a Sponsor for this great event.** Sponsorship will allow us to ensure that all proceeds from the auction will be used to support this high quality music education for our community's youth.

This outstanding program wins many prestigious awards and accolades each year. Recent honors include:

- Our top Jazz Band took 2nd place at the prestigious Essentially Ellington Jazz Competition in New York City.
- Jazz Band 2 was selected to compete in the Swing Central Competition in Savannah, Georgia.
- Vocal Jazz performed in the Showcase Concert at the international Lionel Hampton Jazz festival.
- Jazz Band 1 was invited to open Seattle's 2011 Earshot Jazz Festival.

It's not only the students who excel at what they do! **Roosevelt Jazz Director, Scott Brown, was awarded the 2010 Seattle City of Music Impact Award for his extraordinary contributions to Seattle's jazz music scene.** His passionate dedication to providing a premiere music education in the public schools has been the driving force of this program for more than 25 years.

RHS Jazz provides many public performances inspiring listeners of all ages. **One example is the Ellington Jazz Nutcracker performed every year for more than 1,500 public school children – a cultural experience that might otherwise be out of reach for many who attend.** Several of our excellent young jazz students remember this performance as a defining moment that inspired them to become musicians.

This is only possible with generous support from a community that values art and music education. Seattle's public high schools receive just pennies per student for music programs. To sustain a jazz program of this caliber requires much more.

We know that you are asked to support many causes. As a sponsor for the Big Band Dance & Auction, you are helping to provide an excellent musical education to nearly 100 young musicians and vocalists who will grow more than they ever imagined, and every one of them will be able to participate in all activities, **regardless of their ability to pay.**

Please take the time to consider the different levels and benefits of sponsorship outlined on the attached sheet. **We would be honored to be able to name you as one of our strongest supporters.** In order to include your ad in our auction catalogue, we will need your response by February 10th, 2012. Feel free to get in touch with any questions. You can contact our sponsorship coordinator, Sue Ries, at 206-335-8999 or sponsorships@rooseveltjazz.org.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy McCarthy".

Betsy McCarthy, President
Roosevelt Jazz Boosters

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