



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

## Big Band Dance and Auction – March 24, 2012

Dear Friend,

Thank you for taking the time to consider joining us in the mission to preserve a top-notch music education for our community's youth. As a donor to our Big Band Dance & Auction, you help to provide a high quality jazz education each year to nearly 100 Roosevelt High School students, who inspire listeners of all ages and represent the Seattle community at jazz festivals around the world.

The Roosevelt Jazz program maintains a high level of excellence, winning prestigious awards and accolades each year. Last spring, Jazz Band I brought home second place from the prestigious Essentially Ellington competition held at New York City's Jazz at Lincoln Center and they opened the Earshot Jazz Festival. Jazz Band II was selected to compete in the Swing Central Competition in Savannah, Georgia. Roosevelt Vocal Jazz was invited to perform in the Showcase Concert at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival – a special honor for such a large international festival.

Roosevelt Jazz Director, Scott Brown, was awarded the 2010 Seattle City of Music Impact Award for his extraordinary contributions to the education, enhancement and enjoyment of the City of Seattle's jazz music scene.

RHS bands and Vocal Jazz provide many public performances delighting thousands of people. One example of these is the Ellington Jazz Nutcracker performed every year for the community and for local schools, inspiring over 1,500 public school students to explore jazz music in our schools.

**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.**

### **That's where YOU and our Big Band Dance & Auction come in!**

On Saturday, March 24th, 2012, we will hold our terrific annual fundraiser, with entertainment provided by our amazing student musicians, showcasing the excellent programs we are working to preserve. We hope you will join us as a community supporter with a generous donation of goods or services to the auction.

We know you are asked to support many causes. You can rest assured that all of your contributions to Roosevelt Jazz will be used to cover the direct costs of providing students with musical opportunities and education. With your help, these young musicians and vocalists 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 mail or email the enclosed donation form (see attached) before February 15th, 2012, or call us to arrange for pick up. Keep the bottom copy as your receipt of your tax-deductible donation. We are happy to answer any questions.

Thank you for supporting jazz in the public schools.

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