



JULY 2026 SUMMER JAZZ IMMERSION PROGRAMS

YOUR MUSIC, YOUR COMMUNITY

MIDDLE SCHOOL • HIGH SCHOOL

Come together with artists, educators, and students from around the world. Get inspired, become part of a vibrant community, and celebrate collaboration and creative passion.

JULY
6-10

GIANT STEPS DAY CAMP

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICIANS

JULY 12-17
& 19-24

JAZZ CAMP

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL
MUSICIANS AGES 12+

JULY
26-31

JAZZ INSTITUTE

AUDITION-BASED
PROGRAM FOR ADVANCED
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICIANS

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JOIN US FOR A SUMMER OF MUSIC, FRIENDSHIP, AND JAZZ AT STANFORD!

We're excited to welcome you to the **Stanford Jazz Workshop (SJW)**, where jazz comes alive on the beautiful Stanford University campus. This summer, immerse yourself in the music you love, connect with new friends, and learn directly from some of today's most inspiring jazz artists and educators.

Now celebrating our **54th year**, SJW continues to be a creative home for musicians of all ages and backgrounds. Our camps and Jazz Festival bring together renowned performers, dedicated teachers, and passionate students who share their knowledge, energy, and joy in making music.

At SJW, we believe that jazz is built on connection and belonging. We create an inclusive, welcoming environment where every musician—whether performer, educator, student, or listener—can find inspiration and community. Here, you'll have the chance to discover your unique voice, explore new ideas, and grow as both an artist and a person.

From classrooms to concert halls to late-night jam sessions, SJW thrives on meaningful exchanges between students and faculty. Many families describe the workshop as a transformative experience that builds confidence, sparks creativity, and fosters a lifelong passion for jazz.

Whether you're a middle schooler just beginning to explore, or a high school student ready to push your skills further, SJW offers the ideal place to play, learn, and connect.

From beginners discovering jazz to advanced high school players, this is your place. Join our community this summer and be part of the inspiration, growth, and joy that jazz brings.

We can't wait to see you at SJW 2026!

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MIDDLE SCHOOL DAY CAMP

Giant Steps Day Camp is a welcoming and nurturing music camp designed for younger musicians. Middle school students flourish under the guidance of SJW's experienced Giant Steps faculty. **For students in grades 5-8 during the 2025-26 school year.**

JUL 6-10 GIANT STEPS DAY CAMP

FIVE DAYS • DAYTIME ONLY • 9AM - 3PM

- For all instrumentalists
- Taught by jazz education specialists
- No audition required
- Big band and small combo ensembles
- Introduction to improvisation
- Masterclasses
- Fun activities
- Multi-week program available
- Friday showcase performances



“OUR DAUGHTER ARRIVED SIMPLY CURIOUS ABOUT JAZZ, AND LEFT DEEPLY INSPIRED TO KEEP PLAYING AND EXPLORING. THE FACULTY AND PROGRAM MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE.”

— GIANT STEPS DAY CAMP PARENT

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Tuition: \$1,000
Lunch option: \$125
Late pickup until 5 pm: \$250

JAZZ CAMP FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

At Jazz Camp, **students age 12 and up** gather from across the globe to explore jazz together. From beginners discovering jazz to advanced players striving for the next level, SJW offers a supportive community where every young musician can thrive.

JUL 12-17 & 19-24 JAZZ CAMP

- For all instrumentalists and vocalists
- One private lesson
- Focus on small ensemble performance and improvisation
- Masterclasses, jazz theory, ear training, and more
- No audition required
- Free admission to evening Stanford Jazz Festival concerts and after-hours faculty jam sessions
- Stay on campus (ages 13+) or commute from off-campus
- Multi-week Jazz Camp programs available
- Friday showcase performances

Tuition: \$1,750
Housing and meals: \$1,250 per week

“WE WERE AMAZED BY HOW MUCH OUR SON GREW AS A MUSICIAN. HE LEFT JAZZ CAMP MOTIVATED, CONFIDENT, AND EAGER TO KEEP PRACTICING.”

— JAZZ CAMP PARENT

ADVANCED HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

For advanced high school musicians, the Jazz Institute is the ultimate jazz immersion experience. Through masterclasses, rehearsals, and workshops with internationally renowned artists, you'll challenge yourself, expand your musical voice, and join a community of passionate peers. **Open to students ages 14-18 by audition.**

JUL 26-31 JAZZ INSTITUTE

- For all instrumentalists and vocalists
- Focus on small ensemble performance and improvisation
- Self-directed curriculum, choose your own daily classes and electives
- Instruction and special presentations by celebrated jazz artists
- Free admission to evening Stanford Jazz Festival concerts
- Nightly student jam sessions & access to the after-hours faculty jam sessions
- Stay on campus or commute from off-campus
- Multi-week program available
- Friday showcase performances

Tuition: \$1,850
Housing and meals: \$1,250 per week

“BEING SURROUNDED BY SUCH TALENTED MUSICIANS AND WORLD-CLASS FACULTY WAS INCREDIBLE. I LEFT MOTIVATED, ENERGIZED, AND MORE CONFIDENT IN MY PLAYING.”

— JAZZ INSTITUTE PARTICIPANT



RETURNING STUDENTS SAVE \$50

HAVE YOU ATTENDED AN SJW PROGRAM IN THE PAST? REGISTER BEFORE APRIL 15, 2026 AND WE'LL GIVE YOU A \$50 DISCOUNT ON THE COST OF TUITION FOR ONE 2026 SUMMER PROGRAM

FIND OUT MORE AT STANFORDJAZZ.ORG

SAVE \$100 WITH A TWO-WEEK PROGRAM!

Get more out of SJW with a two-week program - and save \$100 off the cost of tuition! Three options are available for middle school and high school musicians.

GIANT STEPS TWO-WEEK PROGRAM
JUL 6-10 & JUL 12-17
(NO INSTRUCTION ON JULY 11)
FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICIANS

COMMUTERS: Tuition only **\$2,650**
RESIDENTS: Tuition, room, and board **\$3,900**
WEEK 1: Lunch available
WEEK 2: Overnight accommodations & meals

The **Giant Steps Two-Week Program** offers two incredible weeks of jazz immersion: **Giant Steps Day Camp (July 6-10)** followed by a week of **Jazz Camp (July 12-17)**.

Giant Steps Day Camp is a fun and supportive introduction to jazz and improvisation, designed especially for middle school instrumentalists. The following week at Jazz Camp, students build on those new skills in a deeper dive that includes:

- Daily combo rehearsals
- Masterclasses with world-class faculty
- Musicianship and jazz theory classes
- Two exciting Friday showcase concerts
- One private lesson
- Free admission to Stanford Jazz Festival concerts during second week of program

Together, these two weeks give young musicians the perfect balance of discovery, learning, and performance.

JAZZ CAMP TWO-WEEK PROGRAM
JUL 12-24

FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MUSICIANS AGES 12 AND UP

COMMUTERS: Tuition only **\$3,400**
RESIDENTS: Tuition, room, and board **\$5,900**
Includes on-campus housing & meals, & Saturday workshop between weeks. Resident option available to ages 13+ only.

The **Jazz Camp Two-Week Program** delivers 13 days of nonstop jazz learning and playing. Guided by a thoughtfully designed curriculum, your schedule is tailored to your level—so you're always challenged, never left behind.

You'll rehearse and perform with peers, learn from an extraordinary faculty of professional jazz artists and educators, and be inspired by

nightly Stanford Jazz Festival concerts. With this immersive experience, you'll make huge strides in your playing and confidence.

The Jazz Camp Two-Week Program includes:

- Masterclasses
- Daily combo rehearsals
- Two private lessons
- Theory and musicianship classes
- Special classes on Saturday, July 18
- Two Friday night showcases
- Free admission to Stanford Jazz Festival concerts during program

ADVANCED TWO-WEEK PROGRAM
JUL 19-31

FOR HIGH SCHOOL MUSICIANS

COMMUTERS: Tuition only **\$3,500**
RESIDENTS: Tuition, room, and board **\$6,000**
Includes on-campus housing & meals, & Saturday workshop between weeks.

Push your playing to the highest level.

The **Advanced Two-Week Program** is a 13-day intensive designed for serious young jazz musicians ready to be challenged. You'll join motivated students from around the world for nonstop playing, learning, and inspiration—guided by world-class artists who perform, tour, and record at the highest level. In week one, you'll follow a focused schedule tailored to your skills and goals. In week two, you'll choose from a wide range of classes that dig deep into improvisation, creativity, and advanced concepts.

The Advanced Two-Week Program includes:

- Daily combo rehearsals with expert coaching
- One private lesson
- Masterclasses with internationally renowned artists
- Theory and musicianship courses
- Special presentations in composition, arranging, jazz history, improvisation, and more
- Free admission to Stanford Jazz Festival concerts during program
- Special classes on Saturday, July 25
- Nightly jam sessions
- Two Friday showcase performances

WE'RE COMMITTED TO MAKING SJW ACCESSIBLE. FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES WHO NEED SUPPORT.

At Stanford Jazz Workshop, we believe every young musician should have the chance to learn, play, and grow through jazz. Our **Youth Scholarship and Financial Aid Fund** helps make this possible by supporting talented students ages 17 and under who need financial assistance. Each year, these scholarships open the door for deserving musicians to immerse themselves in jazz alongside world-class artists and educators.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ALL FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION MATERIALS IS APRIL 15, 2026.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

When you register for SJW, simply complete the online Financial Aid application. A \$100 deposit is required with registration; if you do not receive enough aid to attend, your deposit will be fully refunded. After you register, we'll send you the additional application materials to complete and return by **April 15, 2026**.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- A short personal essay written by the participant
- A letter of recommendation from a band director or private instructor
- A signed affirmation that the submitted financial information is correct
- A copy of the first page of your family's most recent tax return

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Applications are reviewed after April 15, and you'll be notified of your financial aid status by **May 2026**. Detailed instructions will be included in your confirmation email once registration is complete.

QUESTIONS?

We're here to help. Contact us at **650-736-0324**, email registrar@stanfordjazz.org, or visit stanfordjazz.org.



LIVE THE FULL SJW EXPERIENCE ON CAMPUS

More than half of Jazz Camp and Jazz Institute students choose to live on campus, right in the heart of Stanford. Staying on campus means you're fully immersed—surrounded by friends, faculty, and the full range of opportunities SJW offers.

As a resident, you'll be just steps away from evening Stanford Jazz Festival concerts and late-night jam sessions, where you can hear world-class artists and then trade ideas with your peers. Living on campus makes these unforgettable experiences easy to join.

Students ages 13-18 live in Stanford dorms or row houses that are clean, safe, and close to classrooms and concert halls. Our flexible meal plan provides healthy options for every appetite, and SJW counselors ensure a safe, supportive, and inspiring community.

For details about housing and meal plans, call us at **650-736-0324**, email registrar@stanfordjazz.org, or visit stanfordjazz.org.

YOUR PLACEMENT RECORDING

All participants in Giant Steps and Jazz Camp submit a short placement recording, and all Jazz Institute applicants submit an audition recording for acceptance. After you register, we'll send detailed instructions, deadlines, and access to our easy-to-use online app.

Improvisation experience is not required — placement recordings are simply used to match students with the appropriate combo for their level of musical experience.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

If you need to withdraw from a summer program:

- Cancel by **April 30, 2026** to receive a full refund (minus deposit).
- Cancel by **June 15, 2026** to receive a 50% refund (minus deposit).
- Cancellations after **June 15, 2026** are not refundable.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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