

About Montavilla Jazz Festival (650 words)

The very best in Portland jazz

Now in its sixth year, Montavilla Jazz Festival (MJF) is a two-day festival that showcases the very best in original Portland jazz. While other festivals focus on international acts, legacy heavy hitters, or other mainstream jazz, MJF instead supports and strengthens local culture by highlighting the freshest, most exciting original compositions from Portland's eclectic and vibrant jazz scene. Taking place annually at nonprofit performing arts space Portland Metro Arts, MJF offers Portlanders a unique and accessible way to join Portland's finest musicians as they chart new frontiers in jazz.

MJF mission and background

The mission of Montavilla Jazz Festival is not only to bolster Portland's dynamic jazz culture, but also to enrich the local community. Like the neighborhood that serves as its home, MJF is a progressive, diverse, locally minded event that offers Montavilla residents an opportunity to come together, form connections and plug into Portland jazz. Built on neighborhood support Both by and for the neighborhood, MJF relies on the contributions of local businesses and volunteers. Before a single ticket is sold, all the resources needed to present MJF are raised in the form of sponsor dollars and partner in-kind contributions. MJF is proud and grateful to be supported by more than 80 sponsors and partners.

MJF is also entirely run by volunteers. More than 70 volunteers ensure that the festival weekend runs smoothly, while still more volunteers work on the festival throughout the year. From the food and drink vendors to the volunteer who takes your ticket, every aspect of MJF is infused with the spirit of the Montavilla neighborhood.

Making an impact in Montavilla

In 2015, in order to bolster music education in our schools, MJF created the Montavilla Schools Fund (MSMF). MJF earmarked a portion of each ticket sold at MJF 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 to this fund. Our four neighborhood public schools had the opportunity to apply for grants funded by these proceeds. In four grant cycles MJF has allocated \$7500 for music education in Montavilla schools. In 2019, MJF is transitioning away from the MSMF grant program in favor of developing jazz education initiatives in Montavilla schools. MJF recently completed its pilot program the Montavilla Jazz Artist-in-Residency at Vestal School, initiated by a 2019 MSMF grant. In the first months of 2019 Vestal students experienced how the sound and spirit of jazz are woven into the fabric of American life for six weeks with our Jazz Artist-in-Residence, Portland-based jazz saxophonist and educator, Mary-Sue Tobin.

Montavilla Jazz Artist-in-Residence

Montavilla Jazz Festival is expanding its programming beyond the annual summer festival to make a greater impact in our community by growing the audience for jazz and raising

awareness about the cultural significance of America's indigenous art form. The Montavilla Jazz Artist-in-Residence program takes 4th and 5th graders on an educational journey starting with the forced migration of African slaves. Over the six-week program they explore the mixing of European, African, and indigenous cultures that led to the birth of jazz, through the boom of popular music in America, up to the current day and the continuing influence of jazz on artists such as Cardi B and Bruno Mars.

Join us in support of our community!

If you'd like to join us and support Portland jazz, please consider purchasing a pass to MJF 2019. Want to go above and beyond? You can purchase an artist CD, make a contribution to Montavilla Jazz Festival online or at the box office, or get an official MJF 2019 T-shirt. If you represent a business or organization and you're interested in sponsoring or partnering with MJF, please email info@montavillajazzfest.com. If you would like to join our team as a volunteer, please email volunteers@montavillajazzfest.com.

MJF 2019 dates and location

When: Saturday and Sunday, August 17-18, 2019

Where: Portland Metro Arts, 9003 SE Stark, Portland, OR 97216

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The passion of organizers, artists, sponsors, partners and volunteers makes a big impact. MJF is able to portion of the proceeds to fund jazz education initiatives in Montavilla public schools.

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