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Summer Jazz Experience for high school musicians in June

Summary: The University of Minnesota, Morris will be jazzing in June with the second annual “Summer Jazz Experience” for high school musicians June 14-17.

(April 16, 2009)-The University of Minnesota, Morris will be jazzing in June with the second annual “Summer Jazz Experience” for high school musicians. Held June 14-17 on the Morris campus, the four-day residential clinic will feature artists in residence and international jazz greats, Byron Stripling and Kenni Holmen. Participants will work directly with Stripling and Holmen who will give lessons, direct combos and the big band, and offer sessions on improvisation. Both Stripling and Holmen have life-long careers in jazz recording, performance and education.

James “Doc” Carlson, Morris professor of music and long-time jazz promoter and music educator, will also teach during the program along with Joel Vanderheyden, Morris alumnus pursuing his doctoral degree in music.

The “Summer Jazz Experience” will cover all areas of jazz including call and response, chord construction, jazz theory, transcriptions of famous solos, internalizing licks, American Jazz styles and lots of playing time in small and large groups, plus jamming during free time. The program is open to high school musicians of all levels, from beginners to advanced, currently in grades 8-12. Participants will stay in a campus residence hall, staffed by Morris campus jazz ensemble musicians who will also mentor students in the classroom.

The program will conclude with an early evening concert in the HFA Recital Hall for family and friends on Wednesday, June 17.

For more information and online registration visit [Summer Jazz](#) or contact Karen Ellis, Continuing Education & Summer Session, at (800) 842-0030, [Karen Ellis](#). Program cost is \$340, which includes all materials, housing, meals and a camp T-shirt. Musicians who register by April 25 will qualify for the “early bird” rate of \$310.

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