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James "Doc" Carlson, UMM professor of music and a long-term jazz promoter and music educator, will also work at the session along with Joel Vanderheyden, UMM alumnus currently pursuing a doctorate 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, characteristics of American Jazz styles and focus on improvisation. The program is open to high school musicians of all levels, from beginners to advanced, who will be entering grades 9-12 in the fall 2008. Participants will stay in a campus residence hall, staffed by UMM jazz ensemble musicians who will also mentor students in the classroom.

For more information and online registration visit the program Web site [Summer Jazz Experience](#) or contact Karen Ellis, Continuing Education & Summer Session, at (800) 842-0030 or [Karen Ellis](#). Cost for the three-day program is \$295, which includes all materials, housing and meals. Scholarships are available. Transportation will be provided. Registration is underway and should be completed by May 12.

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