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Summary: This year's Jazz Festival will be featuring Clay Jenkins, Bryan Nichols, Chris Bates, and Brian Claxton.

Event Date/Time: Friday, April 8 and Saturday April 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Edson Auditorium

Tickets are available now for the 38th Annual University of Minnesota, Morris Jazz Festival. All are welcome to attend performances on Friday, April 8 and Saturday April 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Edson Auditorium.

The UMM Jazz Festival is one of Morris's longest-running traditions. Founded in 1978 by Professor Emeritus Jim "Doc" Carlson, the event brings both high school and college jazz ensembles to campus for clinics with guest artists. The Morris jazz ensembles and guest artists also perform together nightly.

This year's festival will feature the following guest artists: Clay Jenkins, trumpet; Bryan Nichols, piano; Chris Bates, bass; and Brian Claxton, drums. Jenkins is currently Associate Professor of Jazz Trumpet at Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY; he also performs as charter member of the trumpet section of the Clayton/Hamilton Jazz Orchestra. Nichols was awarded a 2010-11 McKnight Fellowship for Performing Musicians; he currently teaches jazz piano at MacPhail Center for Music and University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire. Bates received a McKnight Composers Fellowship for his compositions in 1999; has played with many wonderful musicians including Mose Allison, Lee Konitz, Joe Lovano, and more. Claxton teaches at Metropolitan State University of Denver and Colorado Christian University; recently, he has been touring with jazz pianist Monty Alexander.

Tickets for the evening concerts—\$16 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and youths under 18, and \$5 for UMM students—are available online at tickets.umn.edu or by phone at 320-589-6077. Ticket order forms also are available at Higbie's and the Office of Student Activities.

The concerts also will be streamed live on KUMM.

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