Dear Jazz Educator,

Texas State University is proud to announce the 29th annual Hill Country Jazz Festival. The festival will be held on **Saturday, February 9, 2019**, on the beautiful Texas State University campus. In addition to our excellent facilities, our outstanding adjudicators, clinicians, and performers promise to make this a memorable experience. As a non-competitive event, The Hill Country Jazz Festival does not select winners but does recognize exemplary big bands, combos, and individual instrumentalists with “Outstanding Performance Awards.”

We are excited to announce that this year’s guest artist is **the world-famous Count Basie Orchestra!** In its over 80 years of existence, the Count Basie Orchestra has been the pinnacle of swing and the standard-bearer of combining outstanding soloists with dynamic arrangements, both classic and contemporary.

Bands will perform throughout the day on Saturday, February 9. At 5 p.m., there will be an hour-long clinic, the presenter is still being decided on. Immediately following the clinic, the Texas State University Jazz Ensemble will play three tunes, followed by the Count Basie Orchestra!

Jazz ensembles wishing to participate in the Hill Country Jazz Festival should **complete the enclosed application and return it by mail with the non-refundable $200 by January 16.**

In addition to the above activities, **an all-star big band will play a free concert** on Friday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Evans Auditorium as part of the Eddie Durham Celebration. The band will feature members of the Count Basie Orchestra, and include a talk by Director of the National Jazz Museum Loren Schoenberg. We hope you can attend bothevents, but **all school performances are only on Saturday, February 9.**

We look forward to your participation!

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**2018 Hill Country Jazz Festival Application Form**

Name of Ensemble: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Print or Type Name of Director

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Signature

Please include the non-refundable **application fee of $200**. This application and fee must be received by January 16. Directors will be notified of performance time and venue by January 31.

Make checks payable to “Texas State University – Jazz” and mail to:

Dr. Utah Hamrick

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