Dear Jazz Educator,

Texas State University is proud to announce the 34th annual Hill Country Jazz Festival. After a year of online festivals, we are beyond excited at the prospect of seeing high school jazz students and directors on our campus again! The festival will be held on **Saturday, February 5th, 2022**, in-person 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 **legendary bassist Brian Bromberg!** After getting his first big break touring with Stan Getz at the age of nineteen, Bromberg has gone on to perform and record with artists as varied as Arturo Sandoval, Michael Buble, Andrea Bocelli, Bob Berg, Chris Botti, Joshua Redman, Michel Legrand, Jeff Lorber, Herb Alpert, David Benoit, Lee Ritenour, Dave Grusin, Billy Cobham, Gonzalo Rubalcaba, Shirley Horn, Freddie Hubbard, and many, many more. He has also released 21 solo albums, garnering 7 top ten tunes on the smooth and mainstream jazz charts, and 2 Grammy-nominated albums. Bromberg’s legendary technical prowess on both the upright and electric basses will make for a fantastic concert whether you’re a bassist or not!

Bands will perform throughout the day on Saturday, February 5th in Evans Auditorium. At 5 p.m., there will be an hour-long clinic presented by Brian Bromberg. Immediately following the clinic, the Texas State University Jazz Ensemble will take the stage with Mr. Bromberg as guest soloist.

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 12th.**

In addition to the above activities, **an all-star big band will play a free concert** on Friday, February 7, at 7:30 p.m. in Evans Auditorium as part of the Eddie Durham Celebration. The band will feature Count Basie Orchestra tenor saxophonist Doug Lawrence, members of the Texas State jazz faculty, local professionals, and Brian Bromberg. The evening will also 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 5.**

We look forward to your participation!

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**2022 Hill Country Jazz Festival Application Form**

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

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Signature

Please include the non-refundable **application fee of $200**. This application and fee must be received by January 12. Directors will be notified of performance time by January 28.

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

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