



NORMAL WEST JAZZ ORCHESTRA

NIU JAZZ FESTIVAL

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY | THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026

This performance is free and open to the public, in the Northern Illinois University Concert Hall. Parents who are interested in riding the bus with the group should email Mr. B at budzinsr@unit5.org. All students are expected to ride the bus to the event. Parents/guardians may pick students up after the clinic by writing a note and turning it in at the event, or by emailing Mr. B in advance.

INFORMATION

Remember your music, instrument, and all mutes and accessories. NIU will supply a bass amp and a guitar amp, piano, drum kit and extension cords. Percussionists should bring their own cymbals, hi-hat clutch, mallets, sticks and any miscellaneous percussion instruments needed. Guitarists and bassists should bring their own instrument cables.

Bring cash for a fast food lunch.

Attire: shirt, tie, sport coat or suit coat, blouse, dress shoes, or equivalent; all performers should wear slacks/pants and refrain from skirts, dresses, gym shoes, sneakers, or other casual footwear

ITINERARY

1st hour Report to the band room, rehearse, pack equipment

There are no changing facilities during today's event. Wear your performance attire to school or plan accordingly for changing in a restaurant bathroom or on the bus.

9:15 AM Depart for the Northern Illinois University School of Music, stop for lunch en route

12:00 PM Arrive at NIU

You should arrive *fully-dressed* in performance attire. Bring everything that you need for the performance into the building as we arrive. The bus will not stay with us, and there will be no bus access until we depart for home. You will receive a name tag to wear for the performance and the clinic. A seating area in the concert hall will be assigned to us.

12:15 PM Northern Illinois University Jazz Orchestra in concert, followed by a clinic session

1:40 PM End of clinic session, Mr. B will give instructions

2:30 PM Normal West Jazz Orchestra Warm Up in Room 157 (until 2:50)

2:55 PM Jazz Orchestra Performance in the Recital Hall

This is a different location from past years. The clinic will be held in the same space, following our performance. After the clinic, pack up, depart. (The clinic will end at approximately 3:35 PM.)

Load buses, depart for Normal West

6:00 PM Approximate arrival at Normal West