



NORMAL WEST JAZZ ORCHESTRA BRADLEY JAZZ FESTIVAL

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY MICHEL STUDENT CENTER | TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026

This Jazz Orchestra performance will take place in the ballroom on the second floor of Bradley University's Michel Student Center. Performances are free and open to the public. 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.

Based on the itinerary for the day, students should take their regular method of transportation to and from school. Arrive at school dressed and ready for the performance, and report to the band room at the beginning of the school day. Be sure to bring money for lunch.

INFORMATION

Remember your music, instrument, and all mutes and accessories.

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

8:30 AM Meet in the Normal West Band Room

You should be dressed and ready to go. We will wait in the band area until the bus arrives.

9:00 AM Load equipment onto the bus and depart. Do you have your music?

10:00 AM Early lunch at Pizza Ranch in Morton

Plan to pay your own way. Lunch buffet is \$16.45 plus tax, and it includes a beverage. Buffet options include a variety of pizzas, fried chicken, salad bar, sides, and desserts.

10:40 AM Load bus and depart for the Bradley University Michel Student Center

10:55 AM Arrive at the Bradley University Michel Student Center

Take everything that you need for the performance. Proceed to the lobby upstairs, and be sure to keep volume down so as not to disrupt ongoing performances. Enter ballroom together.

11:00 AM DIVA Jazz Orchestra Clinic in the Michel Student Center Ballroom

DIVA Jazz Orchestra is a Grammy-nominated, all-female big band based in New York City, celebrated for elite musicianship and for preserving and advancing the legacy of jazz's greatest composers and arrangers. Led by drummer and founder Sherrie Maricle, the ensemble is recognized internationally as one of the premier professional big bands in jazz today. We will sit together. Be a great audience!

12:00 PM DIVA Jazz Orchestra in concert with the Bradley University Jazz Ensemble

We may need to duck out a little bit early to prepare for our performance. Be ready to go, and please be discreet and professional.

12:45 PM Warm Up

1:10 PM Performance in the Michel Student Center Ballroom

Store cases along the side wall of the ballroom.

1:35 PM Clinic with a festival adjudicator

2:00 PM Load bus, depart Normal West

3:15 PM Approximate arrival at Normal West

There is no Jazz Orchestra rehearsal tonight, though Jazz Kats will meet!