



***"Connecting the cultural community and developing an audience for jazz through quality education, performance and musician support"***

## **About Us**

The Jazz Arts Initiative (JAI) is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization made up of educators, cultural arts patrons, musicians and individuals dedicated to the continued development of Charlotte's arts heritage. The organization promotes quality jazz education and jazz performance events for students, musicians, and their audiences.

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## **Programs, Projects, and Activities**

### **Examples of completed or on-going projects**

- The JazzArts Music Stage at Festival in the Park (Sept. 2010) – 21 performances by middle and high school jazz students, young adults, and professional musicians
- Jazz in Schools – 3 clinics in 2 middle schools, two performances by the Delfeayo Marsalis octet at a middle school and a middle/high school
- The Jazz All-Stars Youth Ensemble (Spring 2011) – Saturday instruction and rehearsal for teenagers; public performance opportunities

### **Examples of upcoming projects**

- "An Evening with Delfeayo Marsalis" – Father's Day concert (June 19) @ the McGlohon Theatre
- The JazzArts Music Camp (June 13-17) – for middle and high school students
- The Jazz Improvisation Institute at JCSU (June 20-July 1) – for adolescents and young adults
- Jazz in Schools (Academic year 2011-2012) – performances and clinics for K-12
- The Jazz Arts Music Stage at Festival in the Park (Sept. 23-25, 2011)
- The Jazz All-Stars Youth Ensemble (Fall 2011, Spring 2012)
- The Jazz Stage at the Kings Drive Arts Walk (Spring 2012)
- Jamey Abersold Jazz Workshop (Spring 2012) – for high school students through adults