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STUDENTS AUDITION FOR ARTS LEAGUE OF MICHIGAN SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP

Detroit, MI -- At this very minute, throughout Metro Detroit, teens between 13 and 18 years old are practicing their favorite pieces of music, running through the scales on their instruments, warming up their voices and reviewing what they know about music theory. They want to be in top form when they face the judges and ‘show off their stuff’ by auditioning to try to win a scholarship to **The Arts League of Michigan’s (ALM) Jazz ‘Boot’ Camp.**

The audition will be held at The ALM’s Virgil H. Carr Cultural Arts Center, 311 E. Grand River in Harmonie Park, Saturday, July 11th from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The Jazz Boot Camp will be held at the Center and lasts from July 27th through August 4th. Regular fees for the camp range from \$250 to \$300.

The auditioners will be youngsters who sing, or play piano, strings, woodwinds, bass or drums. At the audition, each will try his/her best to convince the six musician/instructor judges-Buddy Budson, George Davidson, John Douglas, Marian Hayden, Shahida Nurullah and Steve Wood-that he/she deserves a scholarship. The talented teens must have their own instrument, a letter of recommendation, a short write-up about their accomplishments and one about why they chose the Jazz camp, and they’ll be interviewed. Then comes the presentation of their talent. Other teens went through the same audition process for two other summer camps at the Center.

The **Jazz ‘Boot’ Camp** is a most unique opportunity for valuable summer learning. Teens will work closely with stellar musician/instructors, absorbing the essence of this truly American art form. The work will consist of a crash course in music theory, ensemble and solo performance training, and of course time devoted to that iconoclastic characteristic of true jazz, improvisation. The camp is sponsored by the Erb Family Foundation.

Camp will be fun, but The ALM expects its young students to take on a serious attitude about learning. Only two absences means a teen loses the camp scholarship this year and possibly the opportunity to vie for funds in the future.

For more information about The ALM programs, call 313-870-1680. After July 13th call 313-965-8430.

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