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September 8, 2011 San Jose Jazz to Reorganize its Education Programs

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September 8, 2011 - Michael Miller, Executive Director of San Jose Jazz, announced all San Jose Jazz education programs are being reorganized and that San Jose Jazz will be producing the following education programs during the 2011-12 season:

- High School All Stars
- Summer Jazz Camp
- Next Gen Stage, San Jose Jazz Summer Fest
- Progressions

Following a September 7, 2011 meeting of the the San Jose Jazz Board of Directors Education Committee, the committee's Chair, Dr. Robert Griffin, advised Michael Miller that the committee voted in favor of reorganizing all education programs with goals of:

- creating timelines and budgets,
- establishing measurable goals and objectives,
- creating evaluation instruments for each program, and
- expanding the organization's relationships with regional high school band directors.

The reorganization will include launching all of San Jose Jazz's education programs as new programs without carryover of personnel. All qualified candidates will be encouraged to apply for the new positions, including current program managers. Mr. Miller instructed Harley Christensen, Director of Education & Development, to lead the reorganization.

Job and program descriptions and job applications will be available on San Jose Jazz's website in the near future. Audition dates for the High School Big Band will be announced before October 1.

The San Jose Jazz Board of Directors, at its January retreat, officially made education the organization's lead priority. The organization's new mission statement is: "San Jose Jazz, as a public benefit corporation, enriches our community through jazz education and performance." For more information, contact Director of Education and Development Harley Christensen at harleyc@sanjosejazz.org.

About San Jose Jazz

San Jose Jazz is a 25-year-old 501(c)(3) public benefit corporation whose mission is to enrich the

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community through education and performance. The organization's purpose is to enhance the recognized value of arts to the individual and society, to promote healthy individuals and healthy communities, to use music and events to bring people together, and to help build a stronger, more vibrant community through the arts. In 1987 San Jose Jazz produced its first Winter Jazz series. In 1989 it produced its first Jazz festival, and in 1993 it produced its first youth education program. Today, San Jose Jazz is a year-round, regional arts organization. It produces a variety of education and performance programs designed to celebrate Jazz, to celebrate San Jose's cultural heritage, and to help make San Jose and the Silicon Valley an increasingly attractive place to live, work and raise a family.

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