Kansas City Jazz Academy – Audition Instructions (Winds, Piano, Guitar, Vibraphone, and Bass)

All winds

- Prepared Pieces: Sonnymoon for Two by Sonny Rollins and Song for My Father by Horace Silver. Play the head once and improvise for one or two choruses. The backing track will be provided during your audition.
- Chromatic Scale: Play at least one octave and, if possible, the full range of your instrument.
- Scales—Be prepared to play any scale you're comfortable with. You will be assessed on keeping a steady tempo and note accuracy.
- Sightread Be prepared to sightread a short excerpt of a jazz chart (such as a lead sheet or excerpt) provided by the instructors at the audition.

Piano, Guitar, and Vibraphone

- Prepared Pieces: Sonnymoon for Two by Sonny Rollins and Song for My Father by Horace Silver. the Melody and comp for one chorus and improvise one chorus. The backing track will be provided during your audition.
- Scales and Chords—Be prepared to play any scale and/or chords you're comfortable with. You will be assessed on keeping a steady tempo and note accuracy.
- Sightread Be prepared to play the written notes/rhythms and chord changes if comfortable.

Bass

- Prepared Pieces: Sonnymoon for Two by Sonny Rollins and Song for My Father by Horace Silver. Play the melody for one chorus and improvise for one chorus. The backing track will be provided during your audition.
- Scales—Be prepared to play any scale you're comfortable with. You will be assessed on keeping a steady tempo and note accuracy.
- Sightread Be prepared to play the written notes/rhythms and the changes if comfortable.