



# **BAND BOOSTERS FOR CREATIVE ARTS**

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***Imagine....*** Because of their amazing talent Creative Arts Jazz Band of Camden NJ has become the first jazz band in the United States to be among the 15 selected contestants in the First Class of the International Big Band Competition 2017 on Saturday the 10th of June in Hoofddorp, the Netherlands.

***Teamwork....*** is what it takes to have a successful band program. Our team consists of reliable students, committed parents, generous community sponsors and a dedicated Band Director. When you were in high school do you remember that one class, sport or club that you lived for? Well, our Creative Arts Jazz Band have the same desire to be the best and show school pride through their participation in The IBBC Jazz Competition in Amsterdam, Netherlands. We need you on our team!

***The facts....*** The trip's expenses include transportation (bus, plane, train, metro), food, lodging, passports, and travel insurance for approximately 30 students and chaperones. The estimated cost is 35,000. We are trying to secure funding as quickly as possible in order to reserve flights. Students will be leaving June 7<sup>th</sup> and returning June 12<sup>th</sup>. Our program boasts some of the finest high school students in the State of New Jersey. Since Its Inception in 2004 Camden Creative Arts Jazz Band has been transforming lives.

Under the direction of Camden, NJ native Jamal P. Dickerson, A Milken Award Winning graduate from Camden City Public Schools, Mr. Dickerson has created an avenue for students to not only learn and appreciate music, but to use it as a tool for success. Many of the students for CAMVA have continued on and graduated from schools such as Berklee College of Music, Oberlin Conservatory, UCLA and many other great institutions across the country. Graduates from the instrumental music program have since played with artists like Stevie Wonder, Beyonce, Adele, Jill Scott to name a few. Camden Creative Arts Jazz Band students have created a name for themselves and for their city. Since 2004 CAMVA has taken 1<sup>st</sup> place NJ State Finals Competitions numerous time including 3 years consecutively in 2013, 2014, 2015. This year the band is led by Josh Irons, a senior who will be attending Cornell University in the fall.

***As we all know....*** the funds for public school arts programs are constantly being cut That means the students and parents must raise the additional funds required for a successful year. We want to assure you that it is not our intention to simply ask for a hand-out, but for an investment in our greatest asset ~ OUR YOUTH. We are not only preparing these students to play music. We are preparing them to become extraordinary musicians, students and citizens. We emphasize the importance of team work, problem solving and personal responsibility.

***It's easy....*** to sponsor the Creative Arts Jazz Band. It has been our experience that business leaders appreciate the opportunity to join in local activities that promote positive youth involvement. Thank You....in advance for your support of our band program. We look forward to representing your company at this international competition.