

January 8, 2009

Region 15, 28 & 14
High School Head Band Directors
Dear Colleagues,

We are announcing a major Jazz Event to be held on Friday, February 19, 2010 in Edinburg, Texas. We are inviting you and your secondary Band students to attend **free of charge!**

The City Of Edinburg is rededicating the Edinburg Municipal Auditorium with the five time Grammy winning recording artist and member of Gordon Goodwin's **BIG PHAT BAND**, Mr. Jay Mason of Los Angeles, California. Mr. Mason will be holding a Saxophone workshop from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Edinburg Municipal Auditorium and a concert will follow at 7:30 p.m. featuring Jay with the Edinburg North "Jazz Cats Big Band", now under the direction Mr. Alan Perkins also of California and Director of Jazz studies at ENHS. Mr. Perkins experience spans over 28 years in Music Education and Performance. He has performed with the late Maynard Ferguson and directed the award winning El Toro High School Jazz Ensemble in Los Angeles.

This is an opportunity for your students to attend a workshop with Mr. Mason and learn many things about not just playing music professionally but the life of a world class performer who has recorded numerous major motion picture soundtracks in Hollywood. This is an event not to be missed!!! Again, the workshop and concert are free of charge thanks to the generous financial support of the City Of Edinburg in the support of Jazz Education.

We have enclosed a flyer about the concert that we would be very appreciative if you would share with your Middle School Directors in your districts. There are many food establishments on University Drive next to the auditorium for your students to eat before the concert and the City is providing special Bus parking for schools. If you have questions call Mr. Perkins at: 361-219-3304 or email at: mrholland60@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Alan D. Perkins,
ENHS Director of Jazz Studies

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nelinda Villarreal
E.C.I.SD. Director of Fine Arts