

Jazz St. Louis Receives \$60,000 Grant from Bayer Fund

Donation to help support JazzU and Jazz Academy jazz education programs

[St. Louis / January 10, 2022] – Jazz St. Louis announced today it received a grant for \$60,000 from Bayer Fund, which will be used to support its JazzU and Jazz Academy education programs.

JazzU, Jazz St. Louis' flagship education program, is an audition-based program for high school and advanced middle school jazz musicians to participate in small jazz combo instruction on a weekly basis. This competitive program gives students opportunities to work with JazzU faculty members and musicians who perform at the Ferring Jazz Bistro.

Jazz Academy, a comprehensive music and leadership training program at Jazz St. Louis, hosts middle school students primarily from St. Louis City and North St. Louis County. Students meet twice per week in JSL's Jazz Education Center and receive academic support, private lessons, ensemble classes, as well as meals and safe transportation throughout the school year.

Both programs aim to help students become mature and confident community members, future patrons of the arts, and the next generation of jazz musicians.

"Bayer has been our largest and most steadfast supporter of both JazzU and Jazz Academy," said Andy Ament, Jazz St. Louis' Director of Education. "They have believed in us and provided funding for our students since 2008. This grant makes it possible for Jazz St. Louis to serve our community by offering life-changing music education programs to middle and high school students at absolutely no cost to their families."

"Throughout the years, the grants given through Bayer Fund have helped strengthen our communities across the United States," said Al Mitchell, President of Bayer Fund. "We're proud to be able to provide support to develop programs that help combat challenges such as food insecurity, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education and support services to patients and families managing an illness or disease."

In 2020, Bayer Fund awarded more than \$17 million to over 3,400 charitable and nonprofit organizations to help address essential needs in food and nutrition, STEM education and community development. Over the last five years, nonprofit organizations across the U.S. have received more than \$80 million.

To learn more about Jazz St. Louis, visit <http://www.jazzstl.org>.

To learn more about Bayer Fund visit <https://www.fund.bayer.us>.

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About Jazz St. Louis

Jazz St. Louis is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to lead our community in advancing the uniquely American art of jazz through performance, education, and community engagement.

The organization began twenty-five years ago as a presenter of national and international jazz musicians in a small, intimate atmosphere. Over the years, Jazz St. Louis has grown to become a unique and successful non-profit arts organization focused on teaching the cultural significance and historical importance of jazz alongside the music itself.

About Bayer Fund

Bayer Fund, a philanthropic arm of Bayer, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where Bayer customers and employees live and work by providing funding for food and nutrition, education and community development projects.

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