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The 2023 WJE All-State Jazz choir auditions are due October 15th by 11:59 p.m.

To make things easier, this year's WJE All-State jazz choir audition will be very similar to the 2023 NAfME All-Northwest Jazz Choir audition. Auditioning students will **not** be asked to perform "Winter Song" but will be asked to sing the "Bye, Bye Blackbird" excerpt with the appropriate minus track. (See "WJE 2023 All State Jazz Choir instructions") There will be three required tracks with an optional fourth track of vocal improvisation.

- Track 1 low scale, high scale and "I Love to Sing" chromatic exercise.
- Track 2 Sing the first 16 measures, unaccompanied, in a swing style of "Summertime" from *Porgy & Bess*. You choose the tempo and key.
- Track 3 "Bye, Bye Blackbird" sung with appropriate minus track
- Track 4 (optional) 3 choruses of up-tempo Bb blues. Accompanied or unaccompanied.

Selected students will be required to submit part check recordings of each song by January 8th, 2023. The first rehearsal will be held the evening of January 29th in Casper. The WJE All State jazz choir will perform a concert with the WJE All State jazz bands on January 31, 2023, at Natrona County High School.

Thank you for helping your students prepare for this unique honor ensemble experience and please contact me if you have any questions.

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