

2002 Jazz Scholarship

Auditions: Very Impressive!

WOW! The drums did bang and the cymbals clanged as 17 students vied for jazz camp and private lesson scholarships on Saturday, April 13th. Bradford's Music Store (Who do you know wants to buy a piano!) hosted the event. A number of UJL members in attendance were awed by the mature presentations.

It was a unique experience to have such a terrific response to our 2002 Jazz Scholarship auditions. It was very gratifying to see the large number of middle school applicants. There have been many changes to our scholarship program over recent years. When asked to "trade fours" or switch from blues to Latin or switch keys, it was done with ease-a direct display of their training, thanks to the guidance of their instructors.

Students earning \$500 jazz camp scholarships are:

Andy Bauer, drum set, Milwaukee High School of the Arts (MHSA);

Philip Dizack, trumpet, Nicolet High School;

Kyle Good, drum set, Waukesha North High School;

David Hartsman, alto saxophone, Shorewood High School;

Aki Ishigoro, guitar, Menomonee Falls High School;

Ben Preuss, drum set, Waukesha South.

Students receiving \$200 scholarships toward lessons include:

Matt Bamberger, drums, Wisconsin Hills Middle School; Daniel Causier, guitar, Wauwatosa East;

Tommy Jakab, alto saxophone, Waukesha North.

Our qualified judges were:

Joe Aaron, Dan Albrechtson, Sam Armato and Ginni Smith, all local musicians.

The judging team worked overtime to determine the winners. Since an extra jazz camp award of \$500 was extended because of the outstanding ability presente, our scholarship funds will need to be replenished. You can assist by attending the events that UJL will sponsor in the coming months, or by a direct donation. Photos were taken by Jack Clark will be printed in the

June Jazz Letter. Grace Felton greeted the students while Nancy Hanson, Carol Zoschke and Margaret Scholtes assisted with serving food. Jack Davis provided a boom box and the UJL banner.

Carol Lers,

Scholarship Chair