MTSU Jazz Festival February 23rd, 2013 *Now offering sessions in vocal rehearsal, performance, and improvisation!

The MTSU School of Music's Jazz Department is hosting the 2013 MTSU Jazz Festival on Saturday, February 23, 2013. Bill Holman, a legend in big band arranging, will be the featured guest clinician and performer. I am particularly excited to announce that we will be conducting workshops designed specifically for singers throughout the day! I, as director or the MTSU Singers (the vocal jazz ensemble), and Ashley Kimbrough (assistant director and adjunct professor of jazz voice) will be conducting the workshops for singers. Activities will include rehearsal and performance techniques in ensemble singing as well as solo singing and improvisation techniques. Additionally, students will get the opportunity to sing with the MTSU Singers during the workshops and the

student concert. The registration fee for individual students is \$20, the group/ensemble rate is \$200. For more information and registration materials, please go to: http://www.mtsu.edu/music/jazzfest.php.

The following is the event schedule for the day:

8:30 - 8:55 Registration/check in/welcome in Hinton Hall (MTSU Wright Music Bldg)

9:00 - 10:15 Vocal Jazz Techniques (master class with Professor Ashley Kimbrough)

10:30 - 11:30 Ensemble Singing (rehearsal techniques with the MTSU Singers)

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:30 - 2:20 Preparation for Student Concert and Q & A

2:30 - 3:20 Bill Holman Clinic/Lecture

- 4:40 5:30 Student Concert
- 6:00 6:45 Sound Check for Jazz Festival Concert
- 7:30 Jazz Festival Concert Featuring Bill Holman

If you know of other vocal music educators who would be interested in this announcement, please forward. It's going to be an exciting day!

Thank you! Cedric Dent <u>Cedric.Dent@mtsu.edu</u>