



TO: Students with a *sincere* interest in rehearsing and performing with the COTA Cats
 FROM: Thomas Fadden, Kyle Glaser, Lance Rauh, COTA Cats directors

The 27th edition of the Delaware Water Gap Celebration of the Arts student jazz ensemble, THE COTA CATS, will rehearse 8-10 times at a location yet to be determined in August and September and will subsequently perform at the 2007 Delaware Water Gap Celebration of the Arts Jazz and Arts Festival on **Sunday, September 9th** in the afternoon.

Members of the COTA Cats are expected to:

- 1) Attend all rehearsals, sectionals in addition to the performance
- 2) Practice the music diligently in your own personal time and arrive to rehearsals promptly with music prepared
- 3) Listen to jazz a minimum of 2 hours per week (recordings and artists can be recommended upon request)
- 4) Attend 2 work sessions in August: to clean up/set up at festival site and stuff envelopes at Deer Head in preparation for COTA mailings. **REMEMBER:** *You will be supporting the COTA organization that is giving you this outstanding educational opportunity to work with world-class artists and educators at no cost to you.*

If you would like to be considered for this fine student ensemble and be coached by accomplished professional musicians at no cost, ***please save*** the top portion of this sheet, fill out ***all the student information*** on the bottom portion and return to your music teacher ***immediately***. If you are selected to participate, you will be notified by mid-July. Please feel free to reproduce this application as needed. Questions may be directed to Lance Rauh at 570-296-1800 x7161. (www.cotajazz.org)

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2007 COTA Cat Application
(print clearly or it may not be possible to contact you)

STUDENT NAME:

NAME OF SCHOOL IN 9/2007:

HOME PHONE (include area code if not 570):

GRADE LEVEL in 9/2007:

ADULT T-SHIRT SIZE:

MAILING ADDRESS:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

PRIMARY INSTRUMENT:

SECONDARY INSTRUMENT(S):

YOUR COMFORTABLE RANGE(BRASS ONLY)

Name of teacher(s) and instrument(s) on which *you consistently* take private lessons out side of school:

Have you applied for this group in the past?

If yes and accepted, which summers did you perform?

Do you participate in any other community music organizations (LIST ALL)?

Do you sing in any school or church groups (LIST ALL)?

List any honors related to music you have earned (i.e. District Band, Honors Band etc):

HAVE YOU EVER STUDIED IMPROVISATION?

IF NOT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO?

DATES IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER THAT YOU ARE UNSURE YOU WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REHEARSAL. (Include vacations, and marching band practice or any events which may present scheduling conflicts). **PLEASE HAVE YOUR SCHOOL MARCHING BAND DIRECTOR SEND US A COPY OF YOUR MARCHING BAND SCHEDULE FOR 8/1/07 THROUGH 9/10/07.**

TEACHER NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION (REVERSE SIDE):

Please include any information helpful to the directors in the selection and placement of the group. Include musicianship, technical facility and character traits.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO (PLEASE NOTE THIS IS DIFFERENT THEN IN THE PAST): LANCE RAUH, RD-1 BOX 1810, HENRYVILLE, PA 18332

THANKS FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE 2007 COTA CATS