

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
High School Band Booster Club



The School of the Arts is a Charleston County public magnet school for grades six through twelve. Students from across the county may audition for one of the limited places in choral music, instrumental music, orchestra, piano, dance, theater, visual arts and creative writing. Located in North Charleston, the school draws approximately 830 students from every area of the county.

The instrumental program at SOA includes the Wind Ensemble and the SOA Jazz Band. These award winning groups include ninety of the finest high school musicians in the state. The Wind Ensemble has received top honors for performances at the state and national level including the coveted invitation to the Bands of America National Concert Festival in Indianapolis, and the Grand National Adjudicators Invitational in Chattanooga, TN (April, 2007). The SOA Jazz Band has established a reputation for excellence throughout South Carolina and the southeast and is recognized as one of the premier Jazz ensembles in the region.

On the evening of October 20, 2007, the SOA High School Band is holding the annual **Jump, Jive, and Wail Jazz Fest** in the Visitors Center Bus Shed on Meeting Street from 7:30pm to 11:00pm. The JJ&W festival offers three and a half hours of music from yesterday's big band tunes to the most progressive new age jazz, all played by the talented musicians of the SOA Jazz Band. Tickets: \$10 students/ \$15 adults.

Then, for the first year, **A Swinging Good Time** will premier at the Omar Shriener Convention Center, Saturday, February 2, 2008, from 7:00pm to 11:00pm. This public community event is the primary fundraiser for the band program at SOA and is critical for the ongoing success and growth of the program. All funds raised are used for support of the band. Proceeds also provide needed funding for music, equipment and supplies, and hiring outside clinicians to work directly with the students to enhance their musical training. People attending this elegant event will enjoy a variety of food, drinks, and coffee as well as have the opportunity to bid for items in a Silent Auction. This event is a fun-filled evening for jazz lovers from all over Charleston. Tickets: \$75/adult, \$145/couple before 1/15/2008, then \$80/adult, \$160/couple.

The success of this event each year depends on the generosity of parents and local business owners who donate time, food, and auction items. These donations allow the proceeds from the event to go directly to the band rather than for the production costs of the event. We are especially grateful for all business donations and will acknowledge these supports at the event. Please consider making a donation of an auction item to help make this event a success. Contact a band booster parent, high school band student, or the school for more information. Thank you.

Donna Killip
2007-2008 JJ&W/ASGT Director
For tickets, go to: www.soabands.com