



MPH *Global*

MPH Global: Jazz Gym with Melissa Gardiner

Level: Middle and Upper School

For multi-instrumentalists

Meets online on Mondays 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., June 28 – July 26.

Tuition: \$250

Description

The Jazz Gym provides students with weekly guidance for developing their understanding of jazz theory and jazz performance. This course is for intermediate or advanced-level instrumentalists. Students will enhance their improvisation skills by studying chords, scales, phrase development, transcription, and ear training. Students will rehearse warm-ups during class, review playing techniques, and learn new effective practice habits through mentored group participation and discussion. In between classes, students will be provided tutorial videos customized to their experience level as practice assignments, which will be individually reviewed and critiqued. Guest Artist Faculty Melissa Gardiner teaches this course.

Melissa Gardiner has performed with several legendary musicians, including Aretha Franklin, The Temptations, Geri Allen, Wycliffe Gordon, Arturo O'Farrill's Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra, Dave Matthews Band, and Vulfpeck. She has released three albums, *Transitions* (2011), *Second Line Syracuse* (2016), and *Empowered* (2019). Ms. Gardiner has teaching credentials at Syracuse University, Le Moyne College, and Cornell University. To learn more, view Ms. Gardiner's full bio [here](#).