THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH SCHOOL OF MUSIC  
DIRECTOR OF JAZZ STUDIES  

RANK/SALARY: Assistant/Associate Professor, tenure-track appointment. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

DUTIES: Responsibilities include: (1) lead the premier University jazz ensemble and administer and direct the University of Utah jazz program; (2) teach other courses related to expertise such as Jazz Composition and Arranging, Jazz Theory, Jazz History, and applied jazz lessons (private lessons); (3) develop and maintain a national/international reputation as a jazz musician; (4) recruit undergraduate and graduate level jazz students; (5) coordinate recruitment efforts with relevant studio and music education faculty; (6) strengthen and promote jazz chamber ensembles in the program; (7) perform administrative duties and serve on committees as assigned; (8) collaborate effectively with all faculty and administration to advance the mission of the School and the national prominence of the University of Utah and the School of Music.

QUALIFICATIONS: Minimum qualifications include an earned graduate degree in jazz studies or other relevant field; a doctorate is preferred; demonstrated achievement as a jazz ensemble director at the university level; a substantial record of creative and/or scholarly achievement in jazz at the national and/or international level; demonstrated successful teaching, program leadership, and student recruiting; demonstrated collaboration with faculty colleagues; and demonstrated support and vision to expand the existing active relationship with public school programs. The strongest candidates will recognize that music has strong potential for social change through engagement with underrepresented communities, and their work will reflect this. The School of Music seeks to create a diverse and inclusive, rigorous and responsible environment that reaches across disciplines to foster highly adaptive creators and thinkers.

PROCEDURE: Required materials to submit include: The letter of application including a link to a rehearsal video (big band rehearsal preferred) AND university level concert video demonstrating a variety of jazz repertory; links to live videos of personal performances; links to commercially released performance recordings, if available; a sample score of an original composition or arrangement, along with a link to a recording of the composition, if available; curriculum vitae (including the names, telephone numbers, and email addresses of 3 to 5 persons who can provide a reference), 3 confidential letters of recommendation (uploaded directly by recommenders), succinct teaching/conducting philosophy statement; 1-2 page statement addressing your past and/or potential contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion; representative concert programs from the last three years, (unofficial) copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts must be submitted electronically via: https://utah.peopleadmin.com/postings/122420. The review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position has been filled. Candidates should complete their on-line application prior to October 8, 2021 to ensure full consideration. Candidates who proceed to the final level will be required to participate in a routine FBI background check. For more information, or to suggest nominations for this position, contact Donn Schaefer (D.Schaefer@music.utah.edu).

APPOINTMENT: July 1, 2022 (Duties begin August 16, 2022)

The University of Utah is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer and educator and its policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, national origin, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, religion, age, status as a person with a disability, or veteran’s status. Minorities, women, veterans, and those with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. Veterans’ preference is extended to qualified veterans. To inquire further about the University’s nondiscrimination and affirmative action policies or to request a reasonable accommodation for a disability in the application process, please contact the following individual who has been designated as the University’s Title IX/ADA/Section 504 Coordinator: Director, Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, 201 South Presidents Circle, Rm. 135, Salt Lake City, UT 84112, (801) 581-8365, email: oeo@utah.edu. The University of Utah values candidates who have experience working in settings with students from diverse backgrounds, and possess a strong commitment to improving access to higher education for historically underrepresented students.

The University of Utah was established in 1850 and is the state’s oldest and largest institution of higher education. Salt Lake City is the home of the University and is consistently rated among the best places to live by Cities Rated and Places Rated Almanac. The University is a major research institution and offers the BA, BM, MA, MM, DMA, and PhD music degrees with programs in composition, conducting, jazz studies, music education, music theory, musicology, and performance. The School of Music is one of six academic units in the College of Fine Arts. Its excellent facilities accommodate over 375 majors and 90 faculty members. Additional information about the School of Music and the University can be found at http://www.music.utah.edu