

Salt City Jazz Orchestra

Grant-ready one pager • Project plan + budget (2026-2027)

Classic swing. Salt City soul.

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Project summary

Salt City Jazz Orchestra is a Syracuse-based 17-piece concert jazz orchestra dedicated to preserving and presenting the classic big band tradition. Anchored in a 60+ chart library of authentic Count Basie repertory and swing-era classics (published editions), we rehearse biweekly to build a stable roster of strong readers—students, faculty, and proficient community players—with a clear path to public performances and paid engagements.

2026-2027 goals

- **Roster + rehearsal home:** Establish a stable 17-piece roster and sub bench; secure consistent biweekly rehearsal space.
- **Performance-ready library:** From our 60+ chart library, prepare 20–30 charts to performance standard (2–3 full concert programs).
- **Concerts:** Present 3–5 public concerts/showcases across the grant period.
- **Partnerships + documentation:** Build presenter relationships; produce photo/video for bookings and outreach.

Timeline

2026 Q1	Recruit roster; begin biweekly rehearsals; secure space; polish 12–15 charts.
2026 Q2	First public showcase; capture documentation; begin presenter outreach.
2026 Q3–4	2–3 performances; expand to 20–25 performance-ready charts; grow sub bench.
2027	Repeatable cycle: 3–5 concerts/year; 30+ charts in rotation; student/guest features.

Partnerships sought

- **Presenters/venues:** Theaters, jazz series, civic events.
- **Education:** Colleges, high schools, private studios.
- **Local partners:** CNY Jazz, AFM Local 78, Syracuse University.

Budget framework

Illustrative first-year needs. Ranges vary by venue and pay scale.

Category	Range	Notes
Rehearsal	\$1.5k–2.8k	Space rental + insurance
Musician fees	\$2.5k–8.5k	1–3 concerts @ \$90–150/player
Venue/production	\$0.8k–2k	Rental, FOH, sound
Marketing	\$400–800	Design, printing
Documentation	\$600–1.5k	Video/photo, EPK
Library/supplies	\$300–600	Folders, stands, additional charts
Admin	\$200–400	Website, accounting

Ways to support

- **Presenting partner:** Host a concert (venue underwriting).
- **Rehearsal underwriter:** \$125–150/mo or in-kind space.
- **Concert underwriter:** \$2,000–4,500 (venue, production, fees).
- **Documentation sponsor:** \$600–1,500 (video/photo + EPK).
- **Student sponsor:** Stipends or fee relief for students.

Call to action

We are seeking **presenting partners, rehearsal support, and early-year underwriting** to launch a repeatable concert series bringing classic big band jazz back to Syracuse.



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