



Our mission is to support and encourage girls and young women in jazz and raise awareness of female jazz trailblazers past and present, encourage inclusion, and eliminate barriers to participation.



MUSIC

Featuring women in jazz on stage and beyond, so girls can see what's possible

EDUCATION

Providing opportunities to learn from some of the very best in jazz



CONNECTION

Creating a community of support among girls, young women, and educators, parents, peers, and jazz allies of all genders



Key of She Jazz encourages girls and young women in jazz and creates an inclusive community to support them.

Attendees at our events tell us we are providing them with essential support. In their own words, they've said:

"What an incredible experience!"

"Loved the variety of performers and sessions. There was something for everyone!"

"This is SO important. Thank you — and please keep this going!"

"Great job! Can't wait for next year!"

"I'm one of the only girls in my jazz band. I hope you do this again, because it was a great experience to meet others like me."

Similarly, the professional jazz women invited to perform or moderate sessions have told us they appreciate that we bring together generations of women and give opportunities and voice to women who've made their careers in jazz.

We serve a unique need: Olivia Hughart founded Key of She Jazz in middle school when she was one of only a couple of girls in the jazz band. She wanted to create community among other girls in jazz, build courage, and gain the confidence she wasn't alone. Years later, Key of She Jazz has grown into a full-fledged nonprofit. We are dedicated to supporting and encouraging girls and nonbinary students in jazz, from middle school through college and beyond -- and creating a wide community of support that can help remove barriers to participation, increase confidence, and encourage the girls in the band. Women and girls are underrepresented in the jazz community, and we hope to continue to inspire the next generation of girls in jazz.

We create inclusive community: To serve our mission, we host events and programming throughout the year that are open to not only the girls in jazz but also a broader community of support including their bandmates, parents, band directors, and allies. We are also continuing to add Resources on [KeyofSheJazz.org](https://www.KeyofSheJazz.org), a growing, extensive resource page of women in jazz as well as opportunities for development.

We need your support: We need financial help from individual and corporate donors to make our programs possible, to pay our musicians, performers, and speakers, and cover administrative and other costs. Since our 2019 inaugural event, we have had the generous support of the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, which provided a venue and facilities, staffing support, and more. As we pivot from their abrupt closure, we must raise more funds to absorb costs. We aim to keep our events free to eliminate any financial barriers to participation. Please consider being a financial sponsor and help us continue to grow and reach more girls in jazz. Your donations are tax deductible as we are a full 501(c)3 nonprofit in Pennsylvania. Your support will enable us to continue to serve girls and nonbinary students in jazz and grow our supportive jazz community!

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