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In a letter to Eisenhower Director of Bands Christopher Traskal, festival organizers wrote: "We have identified your band as one of the premier youth jazz ensembles in the state of Michigan, and we will be proud to feature your students on a main stage at the festival this year."

The 24-member band will perform Sept. 4 beginning at noon on the J.P.Morgan stage at Campus Martius and Cadillac Square.

"This is the first time in a while that a jazz group

from Ike has performed at the Detroit Jazz Festival, and we couldn't be more thrilled," Traskal said. "It's an honor to represent our school, program and the community at large in this concert."

To qualify, bands had to earn a "1" - or superior rating - at the MSBOA Jazz Festival and submit an audition CD.

Earlier this year, the band's rhythm section was named the best overall section in the Class AA by judges at the 43rd annual Phi Mu Alpha/Central Michigan University Jazz Weekend.

*Source: Utica Community Schools*