



Jazz Aspen Snowmass & music legend John Oates present 2010 Roaring Fork Valley Scholastic Songwriting Contest

Aspen, CO, January 11, 2010 – JAS announced that it would produce, with Rock & Roll Hall of Fame member John Oates, a songwriting competition for students in middle & high schools throughout the Roaring Fork Valley. Winners will have an opportunity to be the centerpiece of a Spring Concert presented by JAS on April 9th at Harris Hall, as well as an opportunity to record their winning song with the assistance of a professional engineer and producer. Here's how the program works:

- Each school is invited to submit up to three songs
- The songs may be written individually or in collaboration by their students for the contest
- It is each school's responsibility to pick the three best songs submitted by their students
- The school's winning songs must be submitted in CD format and received @ Jazz Aspen Snowmass Office [Red Brick – 110 E. Hallam – Suite 104- Aspen] no later than March 1, 2010 for consideration. Sorry, no exceptions.
- All received compositions will be forwarded to members of the JAS In-Schools Faculty, who will serve as the judging entity for the contest, ultimately choosing the best three songs from all the entries submitted.
- The winning songs, songwriters, and participating schools will be announced in March 2010.

Winning songs will be featured at the "JAS Local Education Initiative Music Showcase" which will feature student music from throughout the Valley on April 9th - 7pm @ Harris Hall- FREE admission. The student/songwriter must have the ability to perform the song accompanied by either piano or guitar. If the winner cannot perform, a designated student may be substituted. Also, he/she will be permitted to be accompanied by one (1) musician, if required. No bands.

All schools wishing to participate in this competition must declare their intentions to Jazz Aspen Snowmass in writing no later than Feb. 12, 2010. This declaration may be by hard-copy or e-mail, and must include names and contact information for the teacher / responsible party for that school. Please mail to: Songwriter Contest• Jazz Aspen Snowmass• 110 E. Hallam – Suite 104• Aspen, CO 81611; or e-mail to: jazzaspen@jazzaspen.org (subject line: SongwriterContest).