

Indian Trail hosts 3rd annual Jazz-A-Thon

ADDISON — Indian Trail Junior High recently hosted its 3rd Annual Jazz-A-Thon to raise funds to support the school's jazz band program. Entertainment was provided by the Indian Trail Big Band, Indian Trail Jazz Ensemble, Addison Trail Jazz Band and Elmhurst College Jazz Band under the direction of their Grammy Award winning director, Doug Beach. The IT Jazz Ensemble had the opportunity to perform Running of the Bulls for

Beach, who composed the song.

George Andrikokus, District 4's jazz band director, honored top jazz band students for their contributions to the bands' successes this year.

The evening was a community event that was successful thanks to the contributions of a variety of participants, raising \$2500 with over 275 people in attendance. Dinner was catered by Gary Sinagra of Sinagra Catering/ Uncle Pete's Pizza, with dessert

provided by Uncle Harry's Old Fashioned Ice Cream. Raffles prizes were provided by more than 20 donors. The music quality was greatly enhanced thanks to Bob Pape and Bensenville School District 2 who loaned their band shells and to Scott Helton, Mark Corey, Dan O'Connell and District 88 who provided the jazz band risers. Maria Rivera of Calinda Promotions in Addison made custom t-shirts for the event as well.



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The Indian Trail Jazz ensemble performed at the 3rd annual Jazz-A-Thon.