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Memphis, Tenn. - Douglass and Overton High Schools have been selected by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz to participate in the Peer-to-Peer Jazz Education Initiative program on Tuesday, April 9 at Overton and Thursday, April 11 at Douglass. Students will benefit from "informances," educational and informational sessions, led by GRAMMY Award-winning musicians Herbie Hancock and Ingrid Jensen, vocalist Lisa Henry and renowned music educator Dr. J.B. Dyas. Each performance will be followed by jazz and blues workshops with the visiting student performers from the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts playing alongside and sharing ideas with students from Douglass and Overton.

The Peer-to-Peer session not only gives us the opportunity to share the love and joy of making jazz and blues together, but it encompasses the historical components of our past as Americans and a civilized culture. Sharing our musical experience and knowledge with the world is dear to the heart," said Greg Billings, Overton High School's Assistant Principal and Director of the Creative and Performing Arts Optional Program.

Through the Peer-to-Peer Jazz Education Initiative, students from Douglass and Overton High Schools will gain invaluable performance experience playing alongside internationally-acclaimed artists. Students will also learn about and discuss the history of jazz and blues music in America.

Peer-to-Peer Jazz "Informance" and Workshop Schedule

Tuesday, April 9 - Overton High School Assembly Program -12:00 PM?
Jazz Band and Vocal Workshops - 1:30 PM

Thursday, April 11 Douglass High School Assembly Program -12:40 PM