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## Making it swing till the bell rings



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Altoist Bobby Watson, who has played with Art Blakey and Wynton Marsalis, leads the McCallum ensemble in

Charlie Parker's 'Now's the Time.' Watson is part of a group of artists that is touring three Austin high schools.

Members of the McCallum High School jazz ensemble got a lesson in Charlie Parker and other jazz musicians Thursday when Bobby Watson visited the school as part of a program with the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz and sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts to introduce jazz into the musical curriculum.

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Sophomore saxophonist Siegel Nickerson-Adams, 16, plays along with Watson and the other ensemble members Thursday.