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### **JAMT Founder and Executive/ Artistic Director: Hayes Greenfield**

Our guest on this edition has created a unique organization that embodies his own artistry, creativity, and unique gifts and abilities to communicate and inspire children and adults to get in touch with their own creativity.

New York jazz saxophonist Hayes Greenfield has been a part of the New York scene since the late 70's—he's studied and performed with the late pianist Jaki Byard, and created enduring associations with notables such as Richie Havens, Ornette Coleman, Herbie Hancock, Joe Lovano, Dave Liebman, Rashied Ali, Barry Altschul, and Paul Bley.

Today—he's the founder of Jazz-A-Ma-Tazz (JAMT)— a music education program that he founded a decade ago—that takes students, parents, and educators by surprise. Using the fundamentals of jazz music, participants engage in activities that reinforce specific social and personal skills that improve learning: communication, positive risk-taking, cooperation, and creative expression.

Today, Jazz-A-Ma-Tazz reaches more than 25,000 people a year, largely from within the New York metropolitan area. Here are the show questions and notes:

1. When did you discover your own ability and desire to communicate with children and teach the way you now do?
2. How did the idea to create Jazz-A-Ma-Tazz first come about, and how did you ultimately get it going?
3. Your program takes the fundamentals of jazz music as and invites participants to engage in a variety of activities—what kinds of skills can be learned from Jazz that are not necessarily limited to music, per se?
4. It would be easy to say this is an adjunct music clinic. But it's really about much more than music, isn't it?
5. Walk us through a program you would do for middle schoolers or high schoolers-what exactly is your approach when you walk through the band room doors?
6. What have been some of your discoveries as you conduct Jazz-A-Ma-Tazz in schools—has anything totally surprised you or blown you away?
7. What is the entity of Jazz-A-Ma-Tazz—this is a non-profit organization, correct?
8. If our listeners are interested in getting more information about the work you're doing a Jazz-A-Ma-Tazz—website info—phone?

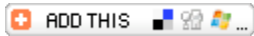
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