

# Draft entry

Title would be changed from “Draft entry” to “Return from hibernation, hopes for a resurgence of the OJE in 2021”.

Contrary to reports of the band’s demise, the Otsego jazz ensemble is very much alive and well and surviving a long hibernation!

Ok, that was more like the “Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated” from Mark Twain after a long absence overseas. And no, the band didn’t go anywhere.

While the pandemic is certainly not behind us yet, the OJE can finally think seriously about the inaugural first practice after a more than one year hiatus. In other words, later this Summer.

The OJE had plans for 2020 that were rudely interrupted by the pandemic and maybe some over-positive thinking that things would get better during 2020. We started out with one cancellation, then two, then three, and on and on. Our calendar history kind of tells the story on that one: <https://oje.nu/events/history-of-event-calendar/>. There were other events that never even made it to the calendar because of the pandemic.

Wow. Well over a year of hibernation before we finally get together. That’s a long gap, and yet it seems like yesterday a few handfuls of band members met for the last time at a restaurant. Our last practice was March 5, 2020!

The band will likely miss out on one of our favorite gigs of the year, the Hastings Jazz Festival. Although the festival is still on schedule this year (April), the OJE may not reform until sometime in the fall of 2021.

Here are samples from OJE performances at the 2019 Hastings

Jazz Festivals (2020 was cancelled because of the pandemic). The OJE will definitely be at the 2021 Hastings jazz festival in spirit even though we won't be there as a band:

[https://oje.nu/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2019\\_OJE\\_Hastings\\_sampler.mp3](https://oje.nu/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2019_OJE_Hastings_sampler.mp3)

The band's latest video on Youtube, <https://youtu.be/epHX5NeFrtA>, is a kind of photo and movie montage with live recording samples from 2017 through 2020.

Be well!