

The Mellow Tones are a vibrantly spirited ensemble from the Duke Ellington School of the Arts. Made up of vocal majors, the Mellow Tones bridge the gap between the old and the new. Their youthful essence and vitality voice their lush harmonies, all the while staying true to the everlasting jazz genre. The Mellow Tones learn complex arrangements and individually assigned jazz standards. When learning their standards, each student explores several quintessential artists in order to influence their own interpretations of the tune. These artists are suggested by the teacher and are also newly discovered by the students. From Ella Fitzgerald to Beyonce, from Louis Armstrong to Neo, the Mellow Tones use their many influences, both deep-rooted and fresh, in order to sing a song that speaks to all generations.