Cal Poly ‘Just Jazz’ Concert Set for Feb. 20

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- The Cal Poly jazz ensembles will present a young, fresh approach to one of America's great art forms – jazz – at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 20 in Harman Hall at the Performing Arts Center.

Two big bands and two combos will demonstrate how jazz is being reinvigorated by the next generation, according to Paul Rinzler, director of jazz studies at Cal Poly. With four trumpets, four trombones, five saxophones, and a rhythm section, the big bands produce a "wall of sound" that is unique to big bands.

The University Jazz Band #1 will perform the classic barn-burner "Wind Machine," as recorded by the Count Basie big band, and the invigorating salsa rhythms of "Rompe Cabezas" by Matt Harris. The University Jazz Band #2 will feature "Haitian Fight Song" by Charles Mingus and "Bye Bye Blackbird," among others. Two jazz combos will also perform.

Tickets for the concert are $12 and $15 for the public, $10 and $13 for senior citizens and Jazz Federation members, and $6 and $10 for students. They are on sale at the Performing Arts Ticket Office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call SLO-ARTS (805-756-2787).

Patrons who buy season tickets to four Music Department events through the Performing Arts Ticket office will receive a 10 percent discount; a 15 percent discount is given to those who buy tickets to five or more events.

The concert is sponsored by Cal Poly's Music Department, College of Liberal Arts and Instructionally Related Activities program. For more information, call the Music Department at 805-756-2406.

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