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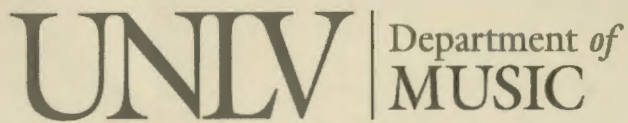
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College of Fine Arts

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Featuring

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PROGRAM

UNLV Jazz Ensemble I

Directed by Dave Loeb and Nathan Tanouye

Selections will be announced from stage

Sunday, November 11, 2012

2:00 p.m.

**Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall
Performing Arts Center
University of Nevada, Las Vegas**

Joe Williams

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- To support the musical arts by promoting music in all its facets, jazz in particular.
- To support programs that address the needs of students and those starting careers in music, giving special emphasis to training above the secondary level. This includes singing, instrument training, composition and arranging, and first promotional recordings.
- To support selected organizations recommended by schools, colleges, and charitable bodies involved in music, the performing arts, and music education.
- To promote jazz by documenting the histories, musical knowledge and experiences of leading musicians in the jazz field arts, and music education.

UNLV Jazz Ensemble

Since its inception nearly four decades ago, the UNLV Jazz Ensemble received nothing but outstanding reviews from critics including a five star rating from Downbeat Magazine. Recently, UNLV Jazz Ensemble I won the Downbeat Magazine Student Music Award for Graduate College Large Ensemble Outstanding Performance sharing the honor with The University of Miami Concert Jazz Band. This exceptional group was one of three university jazz bands selected from distinguished music programs worldwide and Nevada's first collegiate instrumental ensemble invited to participate in the prestigious 65th annual Midwest Clinic: And International Band and Orchestra Conference, in Chicago, IL. With nineteen critically acclaimed recordings to its credit, the UNLV Jazz Ensemble traveled internationally including numerous trips to Europe, Africa, Japan, South America, Australia, and performed at The Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival, The Hawaii International Jazz Festival, The Kennedy Center For The Performing Arts in Washington, DC, The Village Vanguard in New York City, The University of Idaho Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, and The Jazz Bakery in Los Angeles. Students from the UNLV Jazz Ensemble garnered numerous outstanding soloist awards at major festivals including the Reno Jazz Festival and the Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival and played with The Count Basie Orchestra in concert directed by UNLV alumni Dennis Mackrel.

In addition, students in the UNLV Jazz Ensemble won significant jazz composition and arranging accolades from Downbeat Magazine and ASCAP. The UNLV Jazz Ensemble has performed or recorded with many legendary jazz artists including Bobby Shew, Bob Sheppard, George Garzone, Chris Potter, Tim Hagans, Peter Erskine, James Moody, Phil Woods, Harvey Mason, Ron Carter, Kenny Burrell, Clay Jenkins, Rich Perry, Wayne Bergeron, Marlena Shaw, Monty Alexander, Marvin Stamm, Joe LaBarbera, Brandon Fields, Eric Marienthal, Ruth Brown, Joe Williams, Don Menza, and Manhattan Transfer. Students from the UNLV Jazz Ensemble performed with Academy and Tony Awards winning entertainers including Ben Vereen, Bebe Neuwirth, Marvin Hamlisch, Tommy Tune, the cast of Forbidden Broadway and Jeckyll and Hyde for the UNLV Performing Arts Center celebrity concert series. Alumni from the UNLV Jazz Ensemble appeared in concerts with artists including Frank Sinatra, John Scofield, The Dizzy Gillespie All Stars, Santana, Steve Winwood, Jackson Brown, Celine Dion, Bette Midler and the Count Basie Orchestra.

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Saxes

John Summers

Patrick Garcia

Julian Tanaka

Juan Carlos Mata-Alvarez

Gizmo Hall

Trumpets

Jessie Garcia

Jorge Machain

Richard Paugh

Phil Parsons

Trombones

Nick Veslany

Max Acree

Stephen Anongthep

Paul Olesuk

Guitar

Jarret Myers

Piano

Jason Corpuz

Alec Bart

Bass

Nick Schmitt

Drums

Austin Pooley

Larry Aberman