

# JAZZ NEWS FROM CENTRAL

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## MOAWAD INVITATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL DATE CHANGE

The Moawad Invitational Jazz Festival will happen January 24-25, 2008, this academic year. Past participants will note that the festival is a week later now as well as a day change to Thursday-Friday. We made these changes for two reasons: our groups could not adequately prepare brand new material for the earlier date, especially when there are the inevitable personnel changes and we noticed that the trend for festival registrations has been highly skewed toward weekdays. Last year we were booked solid all day Friday in two venues, while Saturday we could not even fill one venue. So we are trying something new in order to meet these "needs".

Online "registration" will happen soon for the festival, so watch for an email about this. Last year we filled up quickly and had to turn away schools, so hop on it when the time comes!

## MORE CLINICIANS SLATED FOR FALL

Continuing our program of jazz clinics on campus, we will host jazz musicians from the Northwest and beyond for a series of clinics and workshops. Many of these events are made possible by the generous contributions of Jazz In The Valley, our local summer jazz festival.

- Oct. 1 Dan Balmer (guitar) and Todd Strait (drums), part of Karrin Allyson's rhythm section.
- Oct. 10 David Friesen (bass) and Uwe Kropinski (guitar), world-class musicians.
- Oct. 12 Garey Williams (drums) will be back to give drumset clinics and lessons
- Oct. 19 Tom Baker Quintet, a ensemble based upon free-improvised jazz and cutting edge composition from Seattle
- Nov. 9 Kathy Kosins, jazz vocalist out of Chicago, with a recent album release and singing with Kevin Mahogany

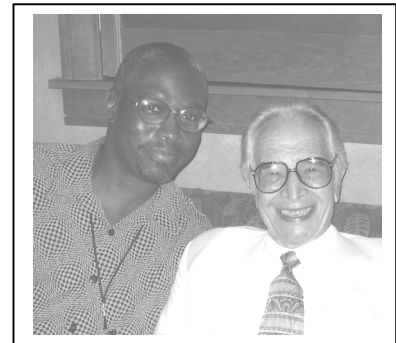
## JAZZ BAND 1 TO PERFORM THE ELLINGTON/STRAYHORN NUTCRACKER FOUR TIMES THIS SEASON

Jazz Band 1 will continue to add to their busy fall schedule with performances of The Jazz Nutcracker booked around the region.

- Dec 3 Seattle Center "Winterfest" concert series
- Dec 6 Yakima Seasons Concert Hall
- Dec 8 Wenatchee Performing Arts Center Winter Series
- Dec 9 CWU Presidential Concert Series

## WHAT DID WE DO LAST SUMMER?

**Lenny Price, CWU Special Assistant in Jazz**, continues to perform with jazz guitarist Earl Klugh. Gigs this past summer included the brand new *Billboard Live Club* in Tokyo, Japan, the *JVC Jazz Festival* at the Hollywood Bowl, and a concert at the site of the 1969 Woodstock festival where he got to meet the legendary Dave Brubeck.



**Vijay Singh, CWU Vocal Jazz director**, performed with the a cappella group *Just 4 Kicks* at the Powell River Jazz Festival in British Columbia, Canada March 29-31st, 2007. Singh adjudicated over 40 vocal jazz and jazz band participants, and was awarded the *Frank DeMiero Award for Outstanding Service to Jazz Education in North America* by the festival directors. Vijay guest conducted the *Las Vegas High School Honors Jazz Choir* in May 2007. The honors group, selected from over 35 Nevada high school musicians, performed an "All Northwest" style of program featuring arrangements from Singh and notable CWU alumns. Vijay taught and performed as part of the jazz faculty at the *Blaine Jazz Festival* held in Blaine, WA July 9-14, 2007. Other festival artists included Greta Matassa, Greg Hopkins, Randy Halberstadt, Clipper Anderson, and CWU alumn Ed Donahue.

**Chris Bruya, CWU Director of Jazz Studies**, directed the *Edmonds Jazz Connection All-Star Band*, a group of students comprised of outstanding players from the geographic area north of Seattle (May 25-26). At the concert, which was held at the newly renovated Edmonds Performing Arts Center, he shared the stage with the great jazz singer Karrin Allyson. In July he directed the *Jazz In The Valley Festival Big Band*, which backed up woodwind great Eddie Daniels in a stirring set of tunes that included Eddie playing tenor sax. Chris also was contracted to write a suite of 10 tunes for the Yakima Symphony Big Band which backed up the Seattle performance group *Teatro Zinzani* for a symphony/museum fundraiser in a fruit warehouse in Tieton, Washington, a wacky but fun event.