

JAZZ NEWS FROM CENTRAL

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See our jazz brochure here!

<http://www.cwu.edu/~music/ensembles/jazz/CWUjazzBrochure06.pdf>

JAZZ BAND 1 SELECTED TO PERFORM AT THE MONTEREY JAZZ FESTIVAL!

Each year the Monterey (Calif.) Jazz Festival runs an educational event called the *Next Generation Festival* in early April. The college big band portion of this event includes just 6 bands chosen by audition recording. We are proud to announce that CWU Jazz Band I will compete in this prestigious event against bands from University of Michigan, Florida International University, Cal State Northridge, Cal State Long Beach, and Sacramento State. Thanks to some quick action on the part of the University, funding has been secured and the band will be on the road April 3-7, with stops in Tri-cities, Portland, Eugene and Ashland. For those of you that remember, isn't it ironic that almost 25 years ago the CWU band was up against Cal State Northridge at another bay area jazz festival? Coach does remember and has given us some good advice on what charts to play.

For more information about the Next Generation Festival go to this link: <http://www.montereyjazzfestival.org/NGF/>

MORE CLINICIANS SLATED FOR WINTER AND SPRING

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.

March 12-13	Jon Wikan and Ingrid Jensen will stop by for a visit
March 26	Jay Thomas Quintet storms in from Seattle
April 18	Garey Williams (drums) will be back to give drumset clinics and lessons
May 15-16	Nancy King (voice) and Steve Christofferson (piano) 2-day residency

MOAWAD INVITATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

January 24-25, 2008 was the annual CWU Jazz Festival, named after CWU emeritus prof and mentor John Moawad. We ended up with about 38 groups attending -- less than we expected -- due to our change of date, which happened to coincide with finals testing in many school districts. We still had a great time, though, and our time with all that attended was special. The final concert with our faculty (John Harbaugh and Lenny Price) performing with our groups was a gas! Our clinicians/judges this year included Rob Tapper, Doug Reid, Randy Hubbs, Dave Cazier, and two folks you might not have seen lately: Jerry McManus and Leo Dodd! Dates for next year will be announced soon.

JAZZ BAND I CD TO BE RELEASED ON SEA BREEZE RECORDS

Jazz Band I recorded a CD last May/June here in the building using our new state-of-the-art facilities and got 8 tunes down in digital format. Chris Bruya edited, mixed and mastered the project over the summer and then called Danny Beaher at Sea Breeze Records to see if they might be interested in picking it up. Danny said "yes" and so now the project is in the details stage with release to happen sometime this spring. This means that the CWU CD will be available through the Sea Breeze Records website, will have national distribution to jazz radio stations, and the disc can be sold at retail at our many events.

Check out Sea Breeze Records at: <http://www.seabreezejazz.com/>

MOAWAD JAZZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND REACHES "ENDOWED" LEVEL

After 2 years of fundraising through concerts and solicited donations, the *Moawad Jazz Scholarship* fund is now endowed and we will begin making awards to students for fall 2008. Thanks to all that have provided support. Donations can still be made through the CWU Foundation.

ALUMNI CORNER

Just announced: brothers Chris Harshman (South Whidbey HS) and Paul Harshman (Shorewood HS) will be taking their bands to the Essentially Ellington event (NYC) in May. Congrats to both directors and their students!

CWU Alums did well last week at the Hampton Festival. Geoff Gilbert, in his second year at Chehalis HS, was recognized with his group as the outstanding band in the AA division. Chris Harshman was recognized with his group as the outstanding band in the A division. Sorry if we missed any others!

Do you have some news to share? Email Chris Bruya with yours.

NEWS ABOUT COACH

John "Coach" Moawad is hangin' in there through his chemo sessions. He was able to attend one day of our jazz festival and really enjoyed hanging out with old friends Leo Dodd and Jerry McManus. It was a special time for all.

Coach is planning on directing the *Jazz In The Valley Big Band* this summer on Sunday, July 27th. Come & check it out. Guest artists will be Ingrid Jensen and Jon Wikan, another of our distinguished alums.

Coach enjoys hearing from the many alums and friends out there. He welcomes email, but isn't always able to respond, but he *does* appreciate your thoughts and prayers.