

Woody Herman Big Band Trombonist Paul McKee to Appear at SWOSU Jazz Festival

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Paul McKee, trombonist with the Woody Herman Big Band, will be featured at the 42nd annual SWOSU Jazz Festival coming up February 9-10 on the Weatherford campus.

Since 1984, McKee has been a member of Woody Herman's Thundering Herd and continues to tour and record with the band. In addition to making frequent appearances as a guest artist and clinician, Paul has served on the jazz faculty at DePaul University, Northern Illinois University, Youngstown State University, and the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

His compositions and arrangements have been performed and recorded worldwide by professional and academic jazz ensembles. Paul's recording *Gallery* was released to critical acclaim on the Chicago-based Hallway Records label and features special guests Carl Fontana, Bobby Shew, Tim Ries and Ron Stout. McKee is a clinician for the Conn-Selmer company and plays King trombones exclusively. He also is currently director of jazz studies at Florida State University.

Appearing with McKee will be: Don Aliquo, tenor saxophone; Danny Embrey, guitar; Bob Bowman, bass; and Tim Cambron, drums.

The festival concerts, which will feature the SWOSU Jazz Ensemble 'A' directed by Dr. Keith M. Talley and the guest musicians, will be held at 1 and 8 p.m. on Friday, February 10, in the SWOSU Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Tickets, which are \$10 for general admission and \$3 for students, are on sale at the SWOSU Music Office, Room 100 in the Fine Arts Center or can be obtained before each concert at the door. A free concert, featuring The Paul McKee Quintet, will be presented on Thursday, February 9, at 7 p.m. in the Berrong Music Building Room 101.

The SWOSU Jazz Festival is presented by the SWOSU Department of Music with the assistance of the Oklahoma Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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