

SWOSU Alumni Band Coming Together for 45th SWOSU Jazz Festival

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The 45th annual SWOSU Jazz Festival has many activities planned February 12-13 on the campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and one of the features in addition to the Metroplexity Big Band of Dallas (TX) will be an alumni jazz band performance Friday at 7 p.m. on the Weatherford campus.

The alumni band will be comprised of jazz students and alums from SWOSU's storied music program and will be led by retired SWOSU Jazz Director Dr. Terry Segress.

Alumni from four states who have agreed to perform are:

Rhythm Section

- Rob Blackburn, Duncan
- Tyler Paul, White Deer (TX)
- Shawn Haskins, Rush Springs
- Dave Hanson, Highlands Ranch (CO)
- Rob Reck, Tulsa
- Wally Tarkington, Clinton
- Hector Lopez, Weatherford
- Bobby Wolfe, Weatherford

Trombone

- Tom Cortez, Grapevine (TX)
- Mike Muncy, Oklahoma City
- Sean Wright, Oklahoma City
- Josh Lawson, Lake Dallas (TX)

Trumpet

- Steve Smith, Washington
- Mike Ford, Weatherford
- Kendale Benton, Ponca City
- Susan Steiner, Weatherford
- Elisa Lawson, Odessa (TX)
- Harley Huffman, Fay

Saxophone

- Chris Kelton, Decatur (IL)
- Clint Kubala, Oologah
- Tim Martin, Woodland
- Josh Dodson, Perryton (TX)
- Misty Schumann-Hickman, Duncan

- Mamie Sprinkle, Weatherford
- Tom Shannon, Tulsa

The festival kicks off on Thursday evening (Feb. 12) with a free 7 p.m. concert by the Metroplexity Big Band, led by bassist/composer Kris Berg, in the Fine Arts Center.

On Friday (Feb. 13), there will be concerts at 1 and 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center featuring the Metroplexity Big Band and SWOSU Jazz Ensemble "A". Tickets are on sale and can be purchased by calling 580.774.3780. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$5 for seniors, and \$3 for individuals with a valid SWOSU I.D.

Also going on throughout the day on Friday will be performances by high school and college jazz ensembles. Admission to those performances is free.