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Sean Jones to Headline SWOSU Jazz Festival on Thursday & Friday

Trumpeter Sean Jones is the headliner at the 49th annual SWOSU Jazz Festival this Thursday and Friday, February 7-8, in Weatherford.

Also featured at the festival is the Josh Hanlon Trio as well as a Big Band Competition involving high school and middle school jazz bands from around the state.

The artists will be featured in a Thursday evening 7 p.m. free concert in the Berrong Music Hall and then will highlight a full day of activities on Friday with 1 and 8 p.m. concerts in the Fine Arts Center. The SWOSU Jazz Ensemble A will be in performance with the artists. Tickets for the Friday concerts are \$10 for general admission, \$5 for senior citizens and \$3 for SWOSU students with an I.D.

The Big Band Competition starts on Friday at 8 a.m.

Music and spirituality have always been fully intertwined in the artistic vision of trumpeter, bandleader, composer, educator and activist Sean Jones. Jones has been prominently featured with a number of artists, recording and/or performing with many major figures in jazz, including Illinois Jacquet, Jimmy Heath, Frank Foster, Nancy Wilson, Dianne Reeves, Gerald Wilson and Marcus Miller. He has also performed with the Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Youngstown Symphony Orchestras as well as Soulful Symphony in Baltimore.

Jones is also an internationally recognized educator. He was recently named the Richard and Elizabeth Case Chair of Jazz at John Hopkins University's Peabody Institute in Baltimore. Before coming to Peabody, he served as the chair of the Brass Department at the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

For ticket information, visit www.swosujazz.com or call the SWOSU Music Department at 580.774.3708.

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