

Trumpeter Allen Vizzutti Headlines 44th Annual SWOSU Jazz Festival

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Legendary trumpeter Allen Vizzutti will headline the 44th annual SWOSU Jazz Festival, presented by the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Department of Music, on Thursday and Friday, February 6 and 7, on the Weatherford campus.

Yamaha artist Allen Vizzutti has visited over 60 countries and every state in the union to perform with a rainbow of artists and ensembles as both a classical and jazz artist. He has appeared as guest soloist with symphony orchestras, in recital, on television and in jazz venues around the world.

The main concerts are planned for Friday, February 7, at 1 and 8 p.m. featuring Vizzutti who will be accompanied by Portland based pianist Darrell Grant, Yamaha drum artist Steve Hatfield, and University of North Texas bass professor Lynn Seaton. The concerts in the Fine Arts Center will also feature the SWOSU Jazz "A" ensemble. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students. The professional group of musicians will also be on hand to give master classes that day.

A free concert involving the guest artists will be held Thursday, February 6, at 7 p.m. in the Music Building's Berrong Recital Hall. Seating is limited for the event will be given on a first come basis.

Also, the Weatherford Arts Council has collaborated with the Department of Music for a special "Jazz with Pizzazz!" dinner prior to the Friday 8 p.m. show. The \$30 ticket includes a meal, concert ticket and reserved seating for the performance. To attend, contact Dr. James South at james.south@swosu.edu or 580.774.3771. The deadline for dinner reservations is February 4.

The SWOSU Annual Jazz Festival, directed by Dr. Richard Tirk, is supported by grants from the Oklahoma Arts Council, the City of Weatherford and the Yamaha Corporation.

For more information about any of these events or to reserve tickets, contact the SWOSU Music Department at 580.774.3708 or visit www.swosujazz.com. Tirk can be reached at richard.tirk@swosu.edu or 580.774.3175.