

SWOSU Hosting 38th Annual Jazz Festival

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Saxophonist, Bobby Watson

The 38th annual Southwestern Oklahoma State University Jazz Festival is coming up February 7-8 in Weatherford and will feature saxophonist Bobby Watson and his sextet Live and Learn that consists of Kansas City and New York City based musicians Leron Thomas, trumpet; Warren Wolf, vibes; Harold O'Neal, piano; Curtis Lundy, bass; and Quincy Davis, drums.

The concerts, which will also 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 8. Tickets, which are \$10 for general admission, are on sale at the SWOSU Music Office, located in Room 100 of the Fine Arts Center on the SWOSU campus. Another event taking place this year in conjunction with the festival is a candlelight dinner/dance event that will start at 6:15 p.m. prior to the 8 p.m. jazz concert. The dinner is being jointly sponsored by the Weatherford Arts Council and the SWOSU Department of Music. The dinner/dance will be held in the SWOSU Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

Following the dinner, guests will move to the Fine Arts Center to be seated in a special reserved section. Tickets for the dinner/jazz concert are \$26 each and can be purchased from any Weatherford Arts Council member or by calling Jeanine Berrong at 580./span> 772-7238 or Linda Hays at 580./span> 774-8485. Purchase deadline for those tickets is Tuesday, February 5.

On Thursday, February 7, Bobby Watson and Live and Learn will perform for Weatherford music students. The guest artists will also present a free concert on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in SWOSU's Ed and Winnie Ola Berrong Music Building, Room 101.

In conjunction with the concerts on Friday, SWOSU will host 30 junior high, high school and university bands from across Oklahoma and Texas in the annual jazz festival contest. The guest artists will give clinics at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Friday for the festival participants and anyone wishing to attend. All performances outside the 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. concerts are free and open to the public.

SWOSU music students participating in the festival as members of Jazz Ensemble "A" are Adriel Reynolds, Lawton; Thomas Burns, Altus; Michael DePew, Mustang; Josh Dodson, Perryton, TX; Timothy Martin, Woodward; Keith Medders, Grove; Travis Henson, Yukon; Ann Gammenthaler, Broken Arrow; Daisy Edwards, Plainview, TX; Sean Wright, Moore; Christopher Hall, Enid; Josh Buxton, Hinton; Braden Boily, Enid; Garrett Rodriguez, Stinnett, TX; Mark Smithy, Alva; Stephen Myers, Mustang; Erich Spaeth, Harrah; and Ja'Nell Huff, Enid.

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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