

Twenty-Three School Bands Competing at SWOSU Jazz Festival

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Twenty-three high school and middle school jazz bands will compete in the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Jazz Band Contest on Friday, February 13, as part of the SWOSU Jazz Festival activities on the Weatherford campus.

The 45th annual SWOSU Jazz Festival will feature Friday concerts at 1 and 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on the SWOSU campus. Featured guest this year is the Metroplexity Big Band and its leader Kris Berg that will perform a free concert on Thursday night, February 12, at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center.

In addition, four university jazz bands from SWOSU, Northwestern Oklahoma State University and Western Oklahoma State College will also participate in the festival. SWOSU Jazz Ensemble "A" will perform at the 1 and 8 p.m. concerts, SWOSU Jazz Ensemble "B" will perform at 6:30 p.m., Northwestern will perform at 12 noon and WOSC will perform at 10:30 a.m. The SWOSU Alumni Band, led by Dr. Terry Segress, will be on stage at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the 1 and 8 p.m. concerts are \$10 for general admission, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students and are on sale at the SWOSU Music Office, Room 100, in the Fine Arts Center on the SWOSU campus. Tickets will also be available before the concerts. The two concerts will feature five members of the Metroplexity Big Band as well as the SWOSU Jazz Ensemble "A".

Four clinics, which are open to the public and free of charge, will be held by visiting artists in the Berrong Recital Hall on Friday: 10 a.m. Rob Reck, Psychology of Performance; 11 a.m. Stockton Helbing, Jazz Drums; 2 p.m. Dave Hanson, Jazz Piano; and 3 p.m. Kris Berg, Arranging for the Small Group.

The SWOSU Jazz Festival is presented by the SWOSU Department of Music with the assistance of the Oklahoma Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts and the City of Weatherford. For additional information, contact the SWOSU Music Office at 580.774.3708.

The lineup of bands and directors for the SWOSU Jazz Band Contest is:

SWOSU Fine Arts Auditorium

8 A.M.	Luther High School	Kyle Whitmus
8:30 A.M.	Cordell High School	Steve and Amy Smith
9 A.M.	Verdigris High School	Euell Hanna
9:30 A.M.	Del City High School	Floyd Haynes
10 A.M.	Verdigris High School	Euell Hanna
10:30 A.M.	Del City High School	Floyd Haynes
11 A.M.	Sulphur High School	Sean Johnson
11:30 A.M.	Duncan High School	Jeremy Haas
12 P.M.	Northwestern OK State University	Ken Drobnak

12:30 P.M.	Guthrie High School	Billy Richardson
2 P.M.	Liberal KS High School	Lance Burnette
2:30 P.M.	Putnam City West	Edward Hudson Jr.
3 P.M.	Enid High School	Eric Pennello
3:30 P.M.	Midwest City	Mark Hensley
4 P.M.	Mustang High School	Ryan Edgemon
4:30 P.M.	Enid High School	Eric Pennello
5 P.M.	Yukon High School	Toni Myers/Kyle Thompson
5:30 P.M.	Moore High School	Clint Brown
6 P.M.	Norman North High School	Trent Davis
6:30 P.M.	SWOSU Jazz Ensemble "B"	Dr. Richard Tirk/Kristin Whaley
7 P.M.	SWOSU Alumni Band	Dr. Terry Segress

Music Building Room 101

8:30 A.M.	Oklahoma Christian School	Bryan Myers
9:30 A.M.	Kerr Middle School	Doug Fallis
10 A.M.	Emerson Middle School	David Toelle
10:30 A.M.	Western OK State College	Gary Gardner
12 P.M.	Broken Arrow Tiger Tones	Vonna Stout
4 P.M.	U.S. Grant High School	Tom Cortez