

# Award Winning Trombonist to Headline 43rd Annual SWOSU Jazz Festival

01.25.2013

Considered one of the top trombonists of his generation, Wycliffe Gordon comes to Weatherford to headline the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual SWOSU Jazz Festival on February 7-8 at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

The festival will also feature several of Oklahoma's finest high school jazz programs and SWOSU's Jazz Ensemble 'A'.

The main concerts are Friday, February 8, at 1 and 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center, while a free concert is planned Thursday, February 7, at 7 p.m. in the Berrong Recital Hall. The headliner for all the concerts is the Wycliffe Gordon Quartet.

Tickets for the February 8 concerts are on sale. Admission is \$10 for the general public, \$5 for senior citizens and \$3 for students. Tickets are available at the SWOSU Music Office, Room 100 in the Fine Arts Center, or can be obtained before each concert at the door.

Wycliffe Gordon—named 'Best in Trombone' by the Downbeat Critics Poll for 2012 and seven-time Jazz Journalists Association Trombonist of the Year—has released several albums to critical acclaim. Gordon is a former member of the Wynton Marsalis Septet, Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra and has been featured on Billy Taylor's "Jazz at the Kennedy Center" Series. His "Jazz a la Carte" show, which debuted at the Apollo Theater in 2011, was named one of the 'top five best moments in jazz' of the year by *The Wall Street Journal*.

Gordon is one of America's most persuasive and committed music educators, and currently serves on the faculty of the Jazz Arts Program at Manhattan School of Music.

The first SWOSU Jazz Festival was held in January, 1971, and was developed by former SWOSU professor and music department chair Dr. Terry Segress. Over the years, the festival has brought many world-class jazz musicians to western Oklahoma.

The SWOSU Jazz Festival is presented by the SWOSU Department of Music with the assistance of the Oklahoma Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Weatherford Arts Council. For additional information, contact the SWOSU Music Office at 580.774.3708 or email [richard.tirk@swosu.edu](mailto:richard.tirk@swosu.edu) or visit [www.swosujazz.com](http://www.swosujazz.com).