

# SWOSU Jazz Season Kicks Off September 21

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The first concert of the SWOSU jazz season kicks off Wednesday, September 21, at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on the Weatherford campus.

Jazz Ensembles 'A' and 'B' will pay homage to the blues and jazz standards performing such great tunes as *Things ain't what they used to be*, *Cold Tater Stomp*, and *Route 66*. The free event will also include music written by Dizzy Gillespie, Herbie Hancock and charts made famous by the Count Basie Band and Thad Jones/Mel Louis Band.

Jazz Director Dr. Richard Tirk is excited for the 2016-17 jazz year.

"We have two great bands this year with students energized and ready to play some fantastic music," Tirk said. "It'll be a great way to start the concert season here at SWOSU and whet concert goer's appetites for the many events we'll have this year that will include the Dan Haerle Quartet on October 1 and the 47<sup>th</sup> annual Jazz Festival on February 9-10."

The September 21 concert will be directed by Tirk and Graduate Assistant Director Alexander Davis. For more information on this event and other upcoming events, contact the SWOSU Music Department at (580) 774-3708 or [music@swosu.edu](mailto:music@swosu.edu).