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## Big Phat Band to Headline 50th annual SWOSU Jazz Festival



The Big

Phat Band, based in Los Angeles (CA), is headlining the 2020 SWOSU Jazz Festival coming up February 6-7 on the Weatherford campus. The band consists of many of the top jazz and studio musicians in the world.

The golden anniversary of the SWOSU Jazz Festival is coming up in 2020 on February 6-7 on the Weatherford campus, and the 50<sup>th</sup> annual festival will feature a world-renowned headliner in Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band.

Around 30 school jazz bands from across Oklahoma will participate in the festival, and Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame Inductee Dr. Terry Segress will be leading a SWOSU Jazz Alumni Honor Band.

Tickets are available at [swosujazz.com](http://swosujazz.com), courtesy of ticket partner Stubwire. Tickets are available for various concerts and events. A PHAT Pass is an all-access ticket that includes admission to the Friday concerts, a Jazz With Pizzazz Dinner sponsored by the Weatherford Arts Council, and exclusive admission to a post-concert artist reception. Individual event tickets are also available.

"Tickets to this outstanding event would make excellent Christmas gifts," said SWOSU Jazz Festival Director Dr. Richard Tirk.

Tirk said this outstanding event is made possible by donations. For individuals or businesses that would like to help sponsor the festival and its excellent performers, go to [swosujazz.com](http://swosujazz.com) for opportunities.

The Big Phat Band, based in Los Angeles (CA), consists of many of the top jazz and studio musicians in the world, and several musicians have been heard on such movie soundtracks as *The Incredibles*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, and *Spiderman*. Goodwin has risen to be one of the top jazz arrangers of his generation.

The 50<sup>th</sup> annual SWOSU Jazz Festival is made possible by the SWOSU Music Department in conjunction with the City of Weatherford, Oklahoma Arts Council and Weatherford Arts Council.

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