

SWOSU Receives \$6,000 Grant for Jazz Festival

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Dr. Keith Talley and the SWOSU Department of Music recently received a \$6,000 grant from the Oklahoma Arts Council to assist with hosting the 40th Annual SWOSU Jazz Festival on the Weatherford campus.

The SWOSU Jazz Festival will be held February 11-12, 2010. Internationally-known jazz musician Byron Stripling will be the primary guest artist. There will also be performances by the SWOSU Jazz Ensemble "A" and a clinic/demonstration by the featured artists.

The SWOSU Music Department's goals with this project are two-fold, according to Talley. The first goal is to give students, teachers and the public the opportunity to hear and talk with jazz performers from around the world; the second is to give students the opportunity to perform alongside these outstanding artists.

Different events are scheduled throughout both days. A free concert featuring the guest artists is held on February 11, and minimal fees are charged for two concerts that are held on February 12 at 1 and 8 p.m.

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