

SWOSU Jazz Festival Receives Grant from OAC

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Dr. Keith Talley and the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Department of Music recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Oklahoma Arts Council to assist with the upcoming 39th annual SWOSU Jazz Festival on the Weatherford campus.

World-known jazz artists, the Clayton Brothers Quintet, will headline the festival. There will also be performances by the SWOSU Jazz Ensemble "A" and a clinic/demonstration by the featured artists.

The SWOSU Jazz Festival will be held February 12-13. Different events are scheduled throughout both days. For more information, contact the SWOSU Music Department at 580.774.3708.

The Clayton Brothers Quintet includes brothers John and Jeff Clayton, who have played with and composed for artists like Gladys Knight, Madonna, Michael Jackson and Kenny Rodgers. The quintet also includes John's son, Gerald Clayton, on piano and Obed Calvaire on drums.

According to Talley, the SWOSU Music Department's goals with the festival are two-fold. 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.