

SWOSU Jazz Ensemble to Perform Friday at Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame in Tulsa

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Jazz Ensemble 'A' has an Oklahoma tour planned this week with a finale concert planned Friday evening at the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame in Tulsa.

The concert at the Jazz Depot, formerly known as Tulsa Union Depot, will be held at 7 p.m., and the public is invited to the free concert. The Jazz Depot is located in downtown Tulsa at 5 South Boston Avenue.

Other concert stops include performances at Kingfisher and Stroud high schools.

The depot is not only a concert venue but also hosts the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame, which includes such Oklahoma raised jazz greats as Chet Baker and Charlie Christian among others as inductees. Joining Jazz 'A' on their tour is Oklahoma City trumpeter and SWOSU alum Kirk Palmer. Palmer, one of the most in-demand trumpeters in OKC, is a regular on stages throughout Oklahoma.

For more information on the Jazz Ensemble 'A' Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame concert, please contact **(918) 928-JAZZ** or visit www.JazzHallTickets.com.

The tour continues, in a manner of speaking, throughout the weekend with Jazz Ensemble 'A' and 'B' performing at the 2015 Miss SWOSU Pageant on Saturday, November 7; a concert on the SWOSU campus on Sunday, November 8, at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center; and concluding in Stillwater on Monday, November 9, at the Oklahoma Jazz Educator's Fall Workshop. Four high school and one college band is selected to perform at the workshop and some of jazz's elite educators from the state and the country will be in attendance, according to SWOSU Director Dr. Richard Tirk. This year's workshop headliners are world renown bassist Christian McBride and jazz education guru Jamey Aebersold.

For more information on any of these performances contact Tirk at richard.tirk@swosu.edu, 580.774 3772, or visit www.swosujazz.com.