

Stockton's Jazz Orchestra in Residence

Kicks Off Second Season Beginning Oct. 26

Ed Vezinho/Jim Ward Big Band to Offer "A Night of Jazz Standards' With More Shows to Follow in November, February and April

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Galloway, NJ - The Ed Vezinho/Jim Ward Big Band kicks off its second season as Stockton University's Jazz Orchestra in Residence with "A Night of Jazz Standards" on **Monday, Oct. 26** in the Campus Center Theatre on the Galloway campus.

The concert, which begins at 7:30 p.m., is the first of four concerts to be performed here by the high-energy, 16-piece jazz ensemble comprised of some of Atlantic City's finest showroom musicians.

The band plays original compositions and arrangements in a contemporary big band style. The ensemble, originally founded in 1982, plays jazz festivals and clubs in and around the tri-state area. With the release of their three CDs, the band has received much acclaim both nationally and abroad. Their music can be heard on over 100 jazz radio stations throughout the United States as well as in Great Britain and Australia.

"A Night of Jazz Standards" will feature songs such as, "Stolen Moments," "Blues March," "It Could Happen to You," "Alice in Wonderland" and "Melancholy Rhapsody."

"After a very successful 2014-2015 season as Stockton University's Jazz Orchestra in Residence, the Ed Vezinho/Jim Ward Big Band is excited to continue its concert series for the 2015-2016 school year," said Ed Vezinho, co-band leader and adjunct professor of Music. "This year we will be presenting new compositions and arrangements as well as hosting guest artists."

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General admission for the Oct. 26 show is \$15, senior citizens are \$10 and students are \$8; tickets can be ordered online at www.<u>stockton.edu/pac</u> or by calling the Box Office at (609)-652-9000.

The upcoming concerts, which all take place in the Campus Center Theatre at 101 Vera King Farris Drive, will be performed on Nov. 16, Feb. 29 and April 18. The concerts in November and April will also feature the Stockton University Vocal Jazz Ensemble.

For patrons with special needs, the Campus Center Theatre offers wheelchair accessible seating, listening assistive devices, and large type programs. Please make your needs known when purchasing tickets.

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