

UCSD Jazz Ensemble to perform on March 13 in the Mandeville Center Auditorium

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The sounds of the great jazz composers will be heard in concert at 8 p.m. March 13, in the Mandeville Center Auditorium at the University of California, San Diego when the UCSD Jazz Ensemble performs a wide range of jazz music made popular by big bands, and small jazz combos.

Tickets are \$5 and \$3, and may be purchased at the UCSD Box Office (534-4559) and from TicketMaster outlets.

The big band will open the concert, performing the jazz repertoire of Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Thad Jones, Frank Foster and Ernie Wilkins. The jazz combo format will include the music of Thelonious Monk, John Coletrane, Charlie Parker, Miles Davis and Horace Silver, and the original music of UCSD student Kevin Spencer.

The UCSD blues/jazz performance program is directed by jazz bass trombonist Jimmy Cheatham. The assistant director is percussionist John Flood. Cheatham performs internationally and has recorded five albums on Concord Jazz Label with his wife, pianist/vocalist Jeannie Cheatham and the "Sweet Baby Blues Band."

The UCSD Jazz Ensemble includes a number of UCSD student musicians, both graduate and undergraduate, and associate members from the San Diego community.

Kevin Spencer will perform his original compositions with his trio, which includes Mike Sugar on electric Bass and Rob Weiss on drums.

A second trio, "Mungus," will be led by percussionist Rich Huntley, with Eric Griswold on piano and George Taylor on acoustic bass.

Keyboardist, arranger and composer Keven Flournoy will perform with his group, "Split Decision," which includes Lynn Copeland on electric bass, and features percussionist Leon Alexander. Alexander is also a composer and arranger. Angela Concepcion is the percussionist, Reggie Smith is on reeds, and Jackie Bonaparte will perform vocals.

Bob Boss will lead the jazz guitar ensemble which consists of David Cook, Shawn Hughes, Pete Mudruga, and Dave Parnall. Boss is an associate member from the Idyllwild School of Music, who also instructs in the UCSD Performance Music Program.

Student jazz soloists are Les Bruvold, tenor sax; Andy Zarlino, alto/soprano sax; associate member Ladd el Wardani (tenor/baritone sax); Nolan Pang on baritone and soprano sax; Kevin Barber, alto sax, and Coleen McDonald on tenor sax. Other members are Chris Lyons, trombone; Brady Esch, lead and jazz trumpet; and

associate member Gabe Weiss, lead and jazz trumpet, who also composes and arranges. Keith Pilotti performs on trumpet.

Rhythm performers are percussionist Craig Dawson (drums) and Peter Gonzalas III, (congas). Loie Wheeler is pianist. John Flood performs on vibraphone and drums, and Martin Chandler performs on electric bass.

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