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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Texas Wesleyan University presents the Wesleyan Invitational Jazz Festival**

**FORT WORTH, April 10** – The Fourth Annual Wesleyan Invitational Jazz Festival will be held on Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4 in Nicholas Martin Hall, located in the Ann Waggoner Annex at 1201 Wesleyan St. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased from the Texas Wesleyan University ticket office by calling 817-531-4492.

The Festival will be combined with the Highlander Jazz Festival, a competition funded by Texas Wesleyan in which 12 to 14 high schools participate. Bands will perform throughout the day on Saturday. At 7:30 p.m., the participants will attend an awards ceremony and an evening concert featuring the Wesleyan Jazz Faculty Ensemble and the Wesleyan Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Tim Ishii, with international guest artists Frank Mantooth and Clint Strong.

Sunday night performances begin at 7:30 p.m. with the Morningside Middle School Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Claud Parker, Eastern Hills High School under the direction of Kathy Bernal, and international guest artists Pete Petersen's Collection Jazz Orchestra, Frank Mantooth and Clint Strong.

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The Wesleyan Invitational Jazz Festival is sponsored by the Arts Council of Fort Worth and Tarrant County and J.W. Pepper Music in Fort Worth. For more information, contact the Texas Wesleyan University Department of Music at 817-531-4992.

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