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JAZZ BAND TO PERFORM LATIN AMERICAN AND NEW ORLEANS TUNES

The Texas Wesleyan University Jazz Band, under the direction of visiting assistant professor Bryan English, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, in Martin Hall, 1309 Wesleyan St. The performance is free and open to the public. No reservations are required.

“We have a diverse set including several Latin arrangements, some New Orleans jazz and guest vocalist Kelly White singing Sinatra's rendition of ‘You Make Me Feel So Young’ and Bonfa’s jazz standard ‘Black Orpheus’ in Portuguese,” English said. Throughout the evening, English hopes to demonstrate the subtle distinctions between Brazilian, Puerto Rican and Cuban jazz music. A set of New Orleans and Dixieland tunes – including the Harlem Globetrotters’ theme song, “Sweet Georgia Brown” and the traditional “When the Saints Go Marching In” – pays special tribute to the people of New Orleans and the city that gave birth to jazz.

Jazz Band is the university’s principal performing jazz ensemble. In addition to receiving local acclaim, the group has been recognized at the Wichita Jazz Festival. Sitting in with the band are students from Tarrant County College Northeast Campus and members of the University of North Texas’ famous One O’Clock Lab Band. In this, the ensemble’s first fall campus concert, the band performs English’s lively arrangements of Latin tunes “Chega No Swing,” “Pa Los Rumberos,” “Clube de Balanco” and an original piece entitled, “North Clarendon Tango.” The program also features senior trombonist Josh Eads’ arrangement of “(I Can’t Get No) Satisfaction,” inspired by a recent Jazz Band performance with The Rolling Stones’ saxophonist Tim Ries.

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