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## **Columbus State University Jazz Ensemble to Feature Faculty Artists at The Loft Music Hall in Uptown Columbus**

(Columbus, Georgia) The **Columbus State University Jazz Ensemble**, the flagship large ensemble of the CSU Jazz Studies Program, will perform its second concert of the season featuring guest faculty artists Amy Griffiths, Paul Vaillancourt, Ben Weatherford, Jacqueline Pickett, and Kevin Whalen. The concert, a part of the “Live at the Loft” Jazz Concert Series, will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, Friday, November 14, 2014 at The Loft Music Hall located in The Loft Upstairs Restaurant (1032 Broadway) in Uptown Columbus. Admission is free and all community members are encouraged to attend. Tickets and/or reservations are not necessary; guests under the age of 21 are welcomed. More information is available at 706-649-7225 or at [music.columbusstate.edu/jazz](http://music.columbusstate.edu/jazz).

The **Columbus State University Jazz Ensemble** is a 18-piece large jazz ensemble focused on presenting the best in contemporary and classic big band music. For this concert, the band will be featuring several of the Schwob School of Music’s own artist faculty performing personal favorites with the big band. Selections will include *Mercy, Mercy, Mercy* and *Norwegian Wood* from the Buddy Rich Big Band, *That Warm Feeling* from the library of Count Basie, *Willow Weep For Me* from the Thad Jones/Mel Lewis Orchestra, *Critic’s Choice* by Oliver Nelson, and *I Want To Be Happy* from the Bob Mintzer Big Band.

Under the direction of Dr. Kevin Whalen, the Jazz Studies Program builds upon the mission of the Columbus State University Schwob School of Music by offering its students engaging jazz performance opportunities synchronized with in-depth study of jazz music. The program also hosts several small jazz combos, a jazz workshop experience, and a thorough curriculum of jazz courses designed to enhance performance ability and prepare future music educators to teach jazz in their communities.

The next performance by the **Columbus State University Jazz Ensemble** will take place February 17, 2015 in Legacy Hall on the RiverPark campus of Columbus State University.

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