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**The Columbus State University Jazz Ensemble Presents  
“Blowin’ Into Fall with the CSU Jazz Ensemble”**

(Columbus, Georgia) The **Columbus State University Jazz Ensemble**, the flagship large ensemble of the CSU Jazz Studies Program, will perform its first concert of the season featuring the music of Buddy Rich, Count Basie, Thad Jones, Duke Ellington, and Maynard Ferguson. The concert will be held at 7:30pm, Thursday, October 2, 2014, in Legacy Hall at the RiverCenter for Performing Arts (900 Broadway) on the RiverPark campus of Columbus State University. Admission is free for the general public, and all community members are encouraged to attend. Tickets and/or reservations are not necessary. More information is available at 706-649-7225 or at [music.columbusstate.edu](http://music.columbusstate.edu).

The **Columbus State University Jazz Ensemble** is a 17-piece large jazz ensemble focused on presenting the best in classic and modern big band music. For this concert, the band will be presenting a collection of iconic works from some of the most celebrated big bands in jazz history. Selections include “That Warm Feeling” and “John the III” from the Count Basie Orchestra, “Nutville” from the library of Buddy Rich Big Band, Thad Jones’ “Walkin’ About” from the Thad Jones/Mel Lewis Orchestra, “Dancing Nightly” from the early recordings of the Maynard Ferguson Big Band, and Duke Ellington’s “Such Sweet Thunder”.

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 from Columbus State University Jazz Studies will take place October 30, 2014 in the Studio Theatre at the RiverCenter and will feature the CSU Jazz Septet.

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