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**The Columbus State University Jazz Ensemble presents  
"Swing Into Spring!"**

(Columbus, Georgia) The **Columbus State University Jazz Ensemble**, the flagship large ensemble of the CSU Jazz Studies Program, will perform its final concert of the season featuring the music of Count Basie, Thad Jones, Doc Severinsen, and Neil Slater. The concert will be held at 7:30pm, Thursday, April 10, 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 706-649-7277 or at [music.columbusstate.edu](http://music.columbusstate.edu).

The **Columbus State University Jazz Ensemble** is an 18-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 engaging jazz selections, including "Fun Time" and "Four-Five-Six" from the Count Basie Library, "Places" from the library of the North Texas One O'Clock Lab Band, and Thad Jones' "Two as One." The band will also feature Dr. Robert Murray, CSU Professor of Trumpet, performing "Rhapsody for Trumpet," a John LaPorta composition written for legendary trumpeter Doc Severinsen.

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 April 12 at the RiverCenter for the Schwob School of Music concert "Kaleidoscope."

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