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**The Columbus State University Jazz Ensemble Presents
Basie, Strayhorn, Silver, and Holman**

(Columbus, Georgia) The **Columbus State University Jazz Ensemble**, the flagship large ensemble of the CSU Jazz Studies Program, will perform its third concert of the season featuring the music of Count Basie, Billy Strayhorn, Horace Silver, Bill Holman, and Jerome Kern. The concert will be held at 7:30pm, Thursday, March 5, 2015, 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.

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 exciting lesser-known arrangements from some of the most celebrated composers in jazz history.

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 April 2, 2015 in the Studio Theatre at the RiverCenter and will feature the CSU Jazz Quartet.

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