



Stockton's First Jazz Orchestra-in-Residence to Hold Big Band Concert on Oct. 22

Ed Vezinho/Jim Ward Big Band to Play with Guest Artist Michael Pedicin

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Galloway Township, NJ -The School of Arts and Humanities at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey announces the Inaugural Concert of the first-ever Jazz Orchestra-in-Residence, the Ed Vezinho/Jim Ward Big Band.

The concert will be **Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014** in the Campus Center Theatre at 7:30 p.m. General-admission tickets will be sold at the Campus Center information desk for \$10, cash-only, and may be purchased in advance.

The evening's concert will feature original music and arrangements by Ed Vezinho, band leader and adjunct professor, with performances by special guest Dr. Michael Pedicin, a well-known saxophonist and recording artist as well as coordinator of Jazz Studies at Stockton.

"It is with great pride that we announce the Ed Vezinho/Jim Ward Big Band as the Jazz Orchestra-in-Residence," said Dr. Pedicin. "Both Ed and Jim are first-rate musicians, and Ed is an accomplished and sought-after jazz arranger. I have known, and made great music with, Ed and Jim for many years. We are very lucky to include them as our own!"

The Ed Vezinho/Jim Ward Big Band is a high-energy, 16-piece jazz ensemble comprised of some of Atlantic City's finest showroom musicians. The band plays original compositions and arrangements in a contemporary big band style.

The ensemble, originally founded in 1982, plays jazz festivals and clubs in and around the tri-state area. With the release of their three CDs, the band has received much acclaim both nationally and abroad. Their music can be heard on over 100 jazz radio stations throughout the United States as well as in Great Britain and Australia.

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“On behalf of Jim and the guys, it is a great honor to be selected as the first Jazz Orchestra in Residence at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. We are very excited about our upcoming performances there,” said Ed Vezinho. “Stockton has wonderful facilities, a great staff, and first rate equipment being put at our disposal. We hope to inspire listeners to pursue their musical dreams by taking advantage of the fantastic opportunities being offered by the new Stockton music program.”

The Campus Center Theatre is located on the main Galloway campus, 101 Vera King Farris Drive. For patrons with special needs, the Campus Center Theatre offers wheelchair accessible seating, listening assistive devices, and programs with large type.

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