

UW-Jazz Ensemble I Robert Baca, Director

Pre-Concerts:
The River City Jazz Band
UW-EC Vocal Jazz Ensemble
Daniel Newman, Director

Festival Competition Winners

GUEST ARTISTS/CLINCIANS

Conte Condoli

Ed Soph

The Army Blues

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 -SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1992

Zorn Arena University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1992 PROGRAM

Emcee - Wr. Warren Wiese

Pre-Concert

The River City Jazz Band

WELCOME

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Jazz Ensemble I Robert Baca, Director

Four, Five Six

*Dance of the Jackpine Savages

After You've Gone

Frank Foste

Dominic Spera

Don Schambe

Best College Combo

Ed Soph

Carmelo By The Freeway

To You

Blues 1, Band 0

Bob Florence

Thad Jone

Mike Tomaro

Best College Big Band

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Conte Candoli

Doxy

It Might As Well be Spring

Sick of the Blues

Secret Love

Joe Corial

Arr. Jack Coitner

Concluding Selection with Mr. Soph, Mr. Candoli, Adjudicators, Clinicians and the UW-EC Jazz Ensemble I

Blues for Mr. P.

Jim Marti

*Premiere: Dedicated to UW-Eau Claire Jazz Ensemble I

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1991 PROGRAM

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UW-Eau Claire Vocal Jazz Ensemble Daniel Newman, Director

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Don Schamber

Best Junior High School Big Band Best High School Big Band - Class C

Best High School Combo Best High School Big Band - Class B

Ed Soph

Carmelo By The Freeway Bob Florence

To You

Thad Jones

Blues 1, Band 0

Mike Tomaro

Best High School Big Band - Class A Best High School Combo - Class AA

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Participating Bands

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

UND-Grand Forks, ND U of M-Duluth, MN UW-Superior UW-Stevens Point

UW-Stevens Point Lab Band NDSU, Fargo UW-Platteville Gustavus-Adolphus, MN

COLLEGE COMBOS

UW-Superior
UND Grand Forks trio, ND
St. Cloud State, MN
UW-Platteville
UW-Stevens Point I
UND Grand Forks 4tet, ND

UW-Stevens Point II
Amory Trio-Macalaster, MN
UW-Stevens Point III
U of M-Duluth I, MN
UW-Stevens Point IV
U of M Duluth II, MN

CLASS A - AA

White Bear Lake, MN Duluth Central, MN Hudson High Farmington, MN Merrill I Mayo, MN Memorial I Kettle Moraine I
La Crosse Central I
Wauwatosa East I
St. Point Area High School
Waukesha South
Goodrich High
Bloomington North I, IN

CLASS B

Fort Atkinson High I Slinger Cedarburg New Richmond High Fort Atkinson II Simley, MN Bloomington North II, IN Wauwatosa West
Merrill II
Columbia Heights, MN
Memorial II
La Crosse Central II
Kettle Moraine II
Wauwatosa East II

NON-COMPETITIVE

North High School I North II North III North IV North V Slinger High VJ Fort Atkinson High Combo Cameron Mounds View, MN Bloomington North III, IN Richland Center II Sun Prairie I Sun Prairie II

HIGH SCHOOL COMBOS

Norbert Herber, MN
Bloomington North Combo II, IN
Memorial I
Memorial II
Goodrich
St. Point Area High School
La Crosse Central
Marshfield Columbus

Denmark
Waukesha South
Walden III
Eau Claire North High
Wauwatosa West
Bloomington North I, IN
Milwaukee H.S. for Arts

CLASS C

Poynette High
Oakfield
Sisseton, SD
Denmark
Wisconsin Dells
Richland Center I
Winona Cotter I & II, MN

Southern Soor Blooming Prairie, MN Marshfield Columbus Chetek High Fall Creek Memorial III Eleva-Strum Central High JUNIOR HIGH ENSEMBLES

New Richmond Middle Shorewood Intermediate School Apple Valley Middle II, MN Apple Valley Middle I, MN Shorewood Intermediate combo New Richmond Middle Combo I New Richmond Middle Combo II Mahtomedi Middle

GUEST ARTISTS

Since its formation in 1971, The Army Blues, the Official Jazz Band of the U.S. Army Band (Pershing's Own), has become one of the leading exponents of big band jazz on the scene today. While paying tribute to such pioneers of the genre as Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Woody Herman, Stan Kenton and Glenn Miller through the performance of their music, the Blues is making its own contribution to the future of jazz through the performance of original music written by its arranging staff. The ensemble has compiled an enviable record of performances at such events as the International Association of Jazz Educators Convention, the Music Educators National Convention and numerous collegiate jazz festivals. It also has presented concerts at the White House, on national television and with a host of headliners and jazz greats. The Army Blues is an important and influential voice in jazz today, keeping the big band tradition alive and its future bright.

Conte Candoli started his career at age 16 when he left his home town of Mishawaka, Indiana to play with Woody Herman. He embarked on a career, playing with many of the great big bands, that would include the bands of Stan Kenton, Benny Goodman and Tex Beneke. In the early '50's Candoli formed his own group that went on to play all the major clubs in Chicago, Detroit and New York. In the latter part of the '50's, Candoli played with such jazz luminaries as Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby, Perry Como and Sarah Vaughn. He has been playing in the trumpet section of the Tonight Show Band since 1967. Candoli has toured Europe with his own groups as well as with Stan Kenton and Gerry Mulligan.

Ed Soph has played in the big bands of Stan Kenton, Woody Herman, Bill Watrous and Clark Terry, and in combos with Joe Henderson, Bill Evans, Bobby Shew, Slide Hampton, Randy Brecker, Mavin Stamm and David Liebman. Soph's clinics and master classes have taken him to Europe, Australia, England, Scotland, Canada, and the Middle East and Far East. He has been an instructor at the Aebersold Combo Improvisation Camps for the past 18 years and is a co-founder of the Summer Drum Set Workshops held at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, and the University of North Texas in Denton. In addition to his activities as a clinician and performer, Soph currently teaches at the College of Music of the University of North Texas.

Jazz Ensemble I

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire jazz ensemble program has a long tradition of outstanding jazz education that has been heralded by international, national and state awards. The cornerstone of this award-winning program is Jazz Ensemble I, under the direction of Mr. Robert Baca. Jazz I is a 19-member ensemble made up of some of the finest musicians on campus. Among the band's performing credits include a trip to Europe to perform for the internationally acclaimed Montreaux Jazz Festival in Montreaux, Switzerland, and the graz American Music Festival, Graz, Austria, and two concerts for the

Wisconsin Music Educators Convention in Madison. This Spring, the group will be traveling to the Orient, making a 13-day concert tour of China and Hong Kong. Highlights of the tour will include performances at the Hall of the People (at the invitation of the Chinese Cultural Ministry), the Imperial Hotel in Beijiing, and the Shanghai Conservatory of Music.

Robert Baca is Assistant Professor of Trumpet and Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, teaches Jazz Improvisation, Jazz History and directs the first and third Ensembles. His versatility as a composite trumpet player and his contributions to music teaching have gained him wide recognition in jazz and classical areas of the performing arts. He has received a Bachelor of Music education, Masters of Music, and is currently completing a Doctorate of Music in Performance from Indiana University. He has taught privately in public school systems for over 15 years and has worked as a band director in Lockport, Illinois public schools. His professional background includes touring as a member of the Frank Sinatra Orchestra, the Buddy Rich Big Band, Mel Torme, Ton Bennett, and Charles Aznavour, and is currently a member of the Any Williams and Pia Zadora Orchestras. He has performed with the Milwaukee Symphony and has done prolific work as principal trumpet and soloist with various orchestras including the Grand Teto Festival Seminar Orchestra. Mr. Baca is also active in studio recording and location contract work in New York City, Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Minneapolis. Recently, he has performed with Frank Sinatra, Pia Zadora, the Andy Williams Christmas Tour and as principal trumpet with the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra.

Ron Keezer is an Associate Professor of Music, Director of Percussion Studies, Director of the Percussion Ensemble, Marimba Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble II at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. A composer, adjudicator, clinician and author of a number of articles for a variety of music periodicals, Mr. Keezer is currently a member of the Executive Board of the Wisconsin Chapter of the Percussion Arts Society, a former member of the national Board of Directors of the P.A.S.; a member of the executive council of the W.M.E.C.; a Vice President for N.W. Wisconsin and W.M.E.C. and a clinician/artist for Ludwig Drum Company.

Daniel Newman, tenor, received his Bachelor of Music from UW-Superior and his Master of Music from UW-Madison. After extensive study in Germany, Mr. Newman sang with the Wuppertaler Bühne, a West German opera company. He also toured Europe as a concert soloist. Mr. Newman returned to Europe in 1990 to appear in the prestigious International Festival in Geneva Switzerland. Currently Mr. Newman is Assistant Professor of voice at UW-Eau Claire and the director of the UW-Eau Claire Vocal Jazz Ensemble. In addition to his duties at UW-Eau Claire and as a soloist, Mr. Newman is also pursuing his Doctor of Music Arts at the University of Minnesota.

Wendy Wontgomery is returning for her second year as Jazz Fest Producer. A 1983 graduate of UW-Eau Claire, she received a B.A. in music and went on to earn her Masters in Arts Administration from Lesley College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. While living in the Twi Cities, Ms. Montgomery worked for the Minnesota Orchestral Association, The Children's Theatre Company and School, The St. Paul Chamber Orchestra and Minnesota Public Radio. While pursuing her masters in Boston, she worked for Water Music Inc., the largest jaz; producer in Boston, and for ARTS/Boston, an audience development service organization.

<u>Warren Weise</u> plays alto, tenor and baritone saxophones. He has performed with people such as Clark Terry, Oliver Nelson, Myron floren and Geoff Keezer. Mr. Weise is an original member of the Prime Time Big Band. He has been the Master of Ceremonies at the UW-Eau Claire Jazz Festival for many years.

The Vocal Jazz Ensemble is composed of twelve singers and three instrumentalists. It rehearses twice weekly learning jazz chart and jazz arrangements of "pop" and "standard" tunes. The members are chosen University-wide by audition. Vocal Jazz performs both on and off campus several times each semester including a tour during the fall semester. The group has toured throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota. The Vocal Jazz Ensemble was also chosen by taped audition, to perform at the state MENC Convention in Madison in 1989.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Al Cobine studied voice with Myron Taylor and composition with Bernhard Heiden at the Indiana University School of Music. In 1956, he formed the Al Cobine Big Band at Indiana. He has used the band as his musical laboratory, composing, arranging and developing talent. His career has brought him work with such stars as Bob Hope, Tony Bennett, Henry Mancini and Andy Williams.

Internationally respected jazz educator **Dominic Spera** is a leader in the development of jazz curriculum. Formerly the director of jazz studies at UW-Eau Claire, Spera is now on the faculty in the School of Music at Indiana University, directing Jazz Ensemble, teaching jazz arranging & composition and jazz pedagogy, and is a member of the IU Faculty Brass Quintet.

Composer, arranger, performer and teacher Watt Warris earned his B.A. from the University of Miami and his M.A. from the University of Miami and his M.A. from the Eastman School of Music. After Eastman, Harris joined the Maynard Ferguson Orchestra, playing keyboards and composing for the band. After playing with Ferguson, Harris went on to work in the Buddy Rich Band, touring with Buddy throughout the U.S. and Europe. Currently Harris teaches at Cal State-Northridge.

Stevens Point native **Bob Davis** is a professional jazz historian, writer and radio host. Highly respected by the musicians and fans in the international jazz community, Davis has interviewed and/or written about virtually every significant person and event in the field of jazz. Most recently, Davis was the author of a critically acclaimed piece on Charlie Parker and an essay on the Modern Jazz Quartet, both for down beat Magazine.

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Trumpets
Jeremy Miloszewicz
Dan Julson
James Simmons
Jon Germain
Todd Bartlett

Irombones
Doug Williams
Kevin Loughney
Adam Bever
Eric Olson

Saxophones Alto:

Lisa Lother Kristin Buchholz Tenor:

Drew Disher Don Pashby Baritone: Dan Charney

Guitar Dan Campbell Rhythm Section Piano:

Andy Algire

Bass: Chris Bates

Drums: David Kies Bill Wood

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