

# JAZZ NOTES

## High School jazz band concerts wind up on high note

The last of nine high school jazz bands performed in April this year. All nine bands received \$500 stipends and nine outstanding students (one from each band) were given \$500 scholarships, for a total of \$9,000.

Kudos to our new venue, Rembrandt's Kitchen & Bar, for giving these students the opportunity to perform in a club setting and for their excellent service. Thanks to FOJ President Colleen Wadsworth for finding this new venue. Thanks to all the bands and their directors who participated. And many thanks to Jim Harlan, Coordinator of the High School Jazz Band program, for organizing and hosting these performances during the past years. We look forward to hearing even more talented students perform next year.



*Irvine Band Director Bob Avzaradel and Scholarship Winner Eli Rapp*



*Yorba Linda Band Director Bincins Garcia and Scholarship Winner Brady Nguyen*



*Katella Band Director Dylan Harlan & Scholarship Winner Jeremiah Keulian with Jim Harlan*



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## College jazz programs wrap up the 2023 spring semester

On Friday, May 5, the **Fullerton Jazz Orchestra**, under the direction of **Bill Cunliffe**, performed an outstanding concert in Meng Hall. The orchestra opened with Duke Ellington's "In a Mellow Tone," followed by a Stevie Wonder medley of "My Cherie Amour" and "Sir Duke." These numbers featured guest artist **Michael Dease**, trombonist.

The **17 Cal State Fullerton Jazz Singers**, directed by **Andreas Preponis**, sang "I'm Going to Sit Right Down, and Write Myself a Letter," accompanied by the Fullerton Jazz Orchestra, and "Vincent" (*a capella*).

A jazzy arrangement of Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," arranged by Bill Cunliffe, featured Alison Edwards and



Sam Hirsh on piano with the orchestra. The orchestra and soloist Dease performed "Shortcake," "Autumn Leaves," and "I'm Glad There Is You." Bill Cunliffe performed a duet of "On Green Dolphin Street" with Michael Dease. "Little Lucas," and "Two Bass Hit" completed the program.

On Tuesday, May 9, the

**Fullerton College Jazz Band**, along with the **J-Train Vocal Jazz** and **Synergy Vocal Jazz Ensembles**, delivered a swingin' musical evening directed by **Bruce Babad** and **Jamie Shew**.

The 19-piece jazz band played big band numbers such as "Stella by Starlight," "Billie's Bounce," "Caravan" and others, including "Outta Space." They also accompanied the vocal jazz ensembles on several tunes.

**J-Train** comprised 10 vocal jazz students who sang 6 numbers including "You Make Me Feel So Young," "I Remember You," and "A Hundred Dreams from Now." The singers were accompanied by Jauher Basrai, on piano; Edward Ponce, bass; and Gabriel Haraldson-Decker, drums. They sang the lovely "If It Could Be" *a capella*. The 9-member Synergy Ensemble, along with J-Train and the jazz band, closed the program with "Do You Wanna Know What I Want."



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