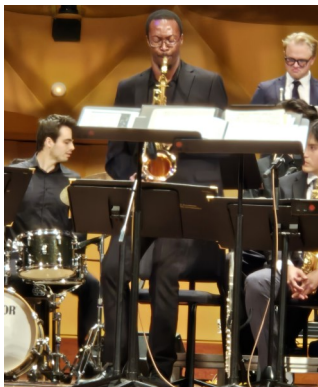


## FOJ awards scholarships to local college jazz bands



**Thursday, Nov. 13**, marked the annual scholarship awards concert by the 18-piece Fullerton College Jazz Band directed by Bruce Babad. The band played "Where's Teddy," "Out of Town," "Captain Perfect," "Havana Fire," and "Another One for Ray." The 8-voice jazz ensemble, J-Train, directed by Jamie Shew, sang "Groovin' Hard," "Brazasia,"



"Painted on Canvas," "Anthropology," and "Turn It Up."

Scholarships were presented to band students and to J-Train vocalists during the program (FC scholarship winners are top left).

**On Friday, Dec. 5**, Cal State University's Fullerton Jazz Orchestra, Bill Cunliffe, Director, performed jazz tunes: "Easy Money," "Ceora," "Willow Weep for Me." The second half featured the Mina Choi Orchestra ("Linus & Lucy," "What Child is This," "Secret Garden.") Twenty-two scholarships were awarded to jazz student musicians.

FOJ members Jim Harlan, Don Dyer, and Jerry Wolf awarded a total of \$30,000 in scholarship monies to vocal and instrumental jazz students from Fullerton College and Cal State University, Fullerton, during the two concerts.



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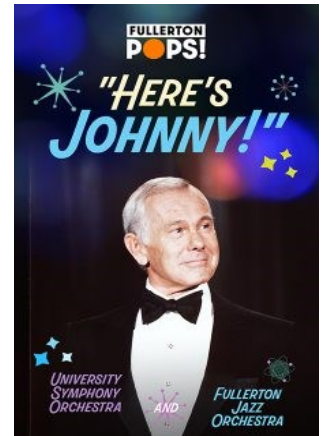
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## Fullerton Pops pays tribute to Johnny Carson

What better way to spend a rainy Sunday afternoon than by listening to the University Symphony and Fullerton Jazz Orchestras pay tribute to Johnny Carson. The combined orchestras played a number of tunes from the Carson years—tunes by Ellington, Arlen, Gershwin, Rodgers & Hart, Lerner & Lowe, Van Heusen, Jobim, and more—and the audience was quite enthusiastic. Kimo Furumoto and Bill Cunliffe directed; Femi Knight, Jack Wood and Ernie Watts soloed; and several CSUF students and symphony members soloed.

Many thanks to the CSUF music administration and to the University Symphony for presenting a very fun and enjoyable tribute and musical afternoon.



## Join or Renew Your Membership

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Please reach out to others – find at least one family member, friend, co-worker, neighbor or acquaintance and urge them to join us. Once they hear about Friends of Jazz's positive influence within the community, they'll want to be part of our helping students. And you all get to enjoy our parties and events. Or consider volunteering.

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Check out jazz house parties by CalJAS. We're looking forward to more jazz events in the new year.

Enjoy holiday music with the Pacific Jazz Orchestra, Sat., Dec. 13, 8pm, at The Alex Theatre in Glendale.