

March 15, 2016

Listen to Michael Jackson Through Lense of SFJAZZ Collective Genius

Heritage Center, the University of Dubuque's performing arts, worship, and campus center, closes its third annual *Live at Heritage Center* Performing Arts Series with *SFJAZZ Collective: The Music of Michael Jackson and Other Original Compositions* on Saturday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. The true meaning of jazz, vividly represented by the SFJAZZ Collective's mastermind performer/composers, is shown through the music of the undisputed King of Pop and other Collective original pieces.

WHAT: *Live at Heritage Center* Performing Arts Series – ***SFJAZZ Collective: The Music of Michael Jackson and Other Original Compositions***
WHEN: Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: John and Alice Butler Hall, Heritage Center
TICKETS: \$25-\$30 adults, \$20-\$25 UD alumni, \$15 for students

San Francisco's all-star ensemble comprised of eight of the finest performer/composers at work in jazz today, the *SFJAZZ Collective's* mission each year is to perform fresh arrangements of works by a modern master and new pieces by each *Collective* member. The *Collective* performs home season concerts at the SFJAZZ Center and a national tour, with stops in some of the world's most prominent clubs and concert halls. The *Collective's* first and only studio album, *Wonder: The Songs of Stevie Wonder*, won Outstanding Jazz Album at the 45th Annual NAACP Image Awards in 2014.

For 2015-16, they focus on the music of the undisputed King of Pop, Michael Jackson, with arrangements of "The Love You Save," "Rock With You," "Smooth Criminal," "Thriller," and "Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough," among others. Hailing from Puerto Rico, New York, Venezuela, Philadelphia, New Zealand, and Israel, the *Collective's* multi-cultural lineup mirrors the explosion of jazz talent around the globe. "You can propose various definitions for what this band represents, but it's a superbrain for what serious jazz sounds like now." – *New York Times*

These are the masterminds behind the *Collective*:

Miguel Zenón – Alto Saxophone
David Sánchez – Tenor Saxophone
Avishai Cohen – Trumpet
Robin Eubanks – Trombone
Warren Wolf – Vibraphone, Marimba
Edward Simon – Piano
Matt Penman – Bass
Obed Calvaire - Drums

The performance will be preceded by a free one-hour masterclass, open to public observation, at 3:30 p.m. as well as a 30-minute pre-show lecture presented by a member of SFJAZZ at 6:30 p.m. in Babka

Theatre. A reception will also be held from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Bisignano Art Gallery in conjunction with the “In My Backyard: Snapshot of UD Students” exhibit.

Tickets for *SFJAZZ Collective* can be purchased now at the Farber Box Office Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, 2255 Bennett Street; by phone at 563-585-SHOW; or online at [HYPERLINK "http://www.dbq.edu/heritagecenter"](http://www.dbq.edu/heritagecenter)
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