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El Camino College Studio Jazz Band to Present Spring Concert

The El Camino College Studio Jazz Band will bring classic and modern jazz standards to Haag Recital Hall at <u>8 p.m. May 22</u>.

The Studio Jazz Band will perform a mix of Great American Songbook classics mixed with contemporary takes on the jazz genre. The band is directed by David Sills.

A South Bay native, Sills has released 10 critically acclaimed albums and can also be heard as a sideman on many recordings, including ECC alumnus David Benoit's album "Conversation," as a featured soloist. He has a bachelor's degree in saxophone performance from California State University, Long Beach and a master's degree in jazz studies from the Manhattan School of Music in New York City.

The El Camino College Studio Jazz Big Band is a dynamic ensemble dedicated to the performance and preservation of classic, straight-ahead jazz big band music. The ensemble performs arrangements from the great composers, arrangers and band leaders from the jazz tradition. Performances span generations from early swing to modern straight-ahead jazz. Band members are a mix of aspiring young students and seasoned veterans who blend together to create beautiful subtle moods, creative solos and exciting ensemble passages.

Tickets for the Studio Jazz Band performance are \$10 and may be purchased online at centerforthearts.org, or by phone at 1-800-832-ARTS. The Ticket Office is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. El Camino College's Haag Recital Hall is located at 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance. Campus parking is \$3.

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