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El Camino College to Host a Swinging Night of Big Band Jazz

El Camino College's Haag Recital Hall will echo with rhythmic, straight-ahead jazz during the Jazz Two Big Band performance scheduled for 8 p.m. May 4.

The production, directed by David Sills, will be the group's third and final show in which they will perform selected pieces from the Great American Songbook, along with classic and modern jazz tunes.

Sills has been praised for his ability to maintain "an original style and sound, and...to embrace the jazz tradition, while staying true to his own individual voice." Any performance lead by Sills, a "dedicated LA cat whose playing warrants one of those 'Where has he been all my life?' responses is sure to amaze.

Jazz Two is El Camino College's preparatory jazz ensemble. Formerly known as the Dance Band, Jazz Two performs concerts each semester on campus. This ensemble focuses on introducing intermediate music students to the standard Big Band repertoire, including section playing, ensemble blend, and developing stylistic jazz interpretation skills. Students draw from classic resources such as: Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Woody Herman, Fletcher Henderson, Sammy Nestico, and other composers of the Swing-era period.

Tickets for the Jazz Two Big Band performance are \$10 and may be purchased online at www.centerforthearts.com, by phone at 310-329-5345 or toll-free at 800-832-ARTS. The Ticket Office is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Campus parking is \$3. El Camino College's Haag Recital Hall is located at 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance.