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## **El Camino College to Present Spring Studio Jazz Band Performance** *Get ready for an exciting night of straight-ahead big band classics!*

El Camino College will present a performance by the Studio Jazz Band at 8 p.m. May 2 in Haag Recital Hall.

Directed by acclaimed saxophonist and faculty member David Sills, performance highlights include Duke Ellington's jazz classics, "Caravan" and "Don't Get Around Much Any More;" Irving Berlin's romantic classic, "Cheek to Cheek;" Mongo Sanataria's "Afro Blue;" Henry Mancini's "Dreamville" and Cole Porter's Academy Award winning song, "I've Got You Under My Skin," to name a few.

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. When not performing, he teaches big band at El Camino College. 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.

Studio Jazz Band is El Camino College's preparatory jazz ensemble that focuses on introducing intermediate music students to the standard big band repertoire, section playing, ensemble blend, and developing stylistic jazz interpretation skills.

Auditions for both the El Camino College Studio Jazz Band and the Jazz Band are scheduled for 7-10 p.m. August 29 in the ECC Band Room, AUD 130. For more information, contact Alan Chan, director, Concert Jazz Band via email: [achan@elcamino.edu](mailto:achan@elcamino.edu).

Tickets to the performance are \$10 and may be purchased at [www.centerforthearts.org](http://www.centerforthearts.org), by phone at 310-329-5345 or toll-free at 800-832-ARTS. The Ticket Office is open Monday-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.

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