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## **Fourth Annual Jazz Festival Planned at El Camino College**

*High school and college students join faculty and professional musicians for a day of jazz*

A celebration of jazz music is planned for the Fourth Annual El Camino College Jazz Festival, set for May 13. The day of live jazz music includes a big band showcase, jazz master class, workshops, and a band clinic. All afternoon events are free and open to the public.

A highlight of the festival schedule includes a master class with Grammy-nominated pianist and composer David Benoit at Haag Recital Hall at 3:30 p.m.

Benoit is an El Camino College graduate and prolific pianist and composer. For three decades, he has reigned supreme as one of the founding fathers of contemporary jazz. With 25 charted solo recordings, he was also the featured pianist on the hit “The Peanuts Movie” and is widely regarded as one of the most innovative jazz artists of the 20th century. The master class is sponsored by the Jazz Education Network and Herb Alpert Foundation.

The ECC Jazz Festival continues with clinics and jam sessions for singers and musicians at 5:30 p.m., and a dinner and student jazz combo performance on the Marsee Auditorium South Patio follows at 6:30 p.m.

The festival will wrap up with a Gala Concert at 8 p.m. in Marsee Auditorium, showcasing El Camino College’s Studio Jazz Band, Concert Jazz Band, and selected high school bands. The Gala Concert is directed by Alan Chan, ECC’s Concert Jazz Band director and leader of the Alan Chan Jazz Orchestra.

Daytime events are free. Tickets for the Gala Concert are \$10 and may be purchased online at [centerforthearts.org](http://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 is located at 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance. Campus parking is \$3.

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