



Honor Jazz Band Students From Across the State to Gather in Glenwood Springs

Glenwood Springs, CO, February 18, 2009 – The fifth annual District Eight Honor Jazz Band, sponsored by Jazz Aspen Snowmass and hosted at Glenwood Springs High School will take place February 27-28 with over fifty teenage jazz musicians in attendance. Students representing twenty four middle and high schools from Aspen, Carbondale, Eagle, Summit County, Steamboat Springs, Soroco, Granby and Leadville will participate in two days of intensive jazz training, including instructional workshops and rehearsals, with a faculty of professional musicians chosen by JAS.

This years faculty members include Denver University's Director of Drum Set Studies, Mike Marlier; Edwards trombone performing artist, Darren Kramer; Mesa State College Assistant Professor of Low Brass, Sean Flannigan; and Carbondale resident, freelance musician and member of the Mesa State Faculty Jazz Quartet, Tim Fox. Fox also facilitates, with the support of JAS, the Roaring Fork Jazz Workshop.

On Saturday, February 28 at 5pm the public is invited to a free performance featuring the students and faculty at Glenwood Springs High School. JAS Director Joe Lang encourages the public to attend, "It's a great opportunity for student musicians from throughout the District to get together and, not only be recognized for their talents, but also play together. JAS congratulates these students and their teachers for keeping jazz alive in our schools, our sponsorship of this weekend is one of the highlights of our Local Education Initiative."

For more information please contact Jazz Aspen Snowmass at 920-4996 or visit www.jazzaspen.org. Come out and support jazz music in the Roaring Fork Valley.

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