

April 28 - May 1, 2004

ELLA FITZGERALD MUSIC FESTIVAL

CNU Jazz Ensemble and CNU Vocal Jazz Ensemble

Wednesday, April 28
8 p.m.

The festival kicks off on Wednesday, April 28, as CNU showcases the incredible talent that exists on campus! The award winning CNU Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Bill Brown promises an exciting evening of big band music and jazz standards. The CNU Vocal Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Lauren Fowler will also perform, singing in a variety of styles from swing to bebop. Grammy-nominated pianist, arranger and clinician Phil Mattson will join both CNU groups as their guest artist for this evening of high energy and enormous talent!



Dave Holland

Thursday, April 29
8 p.m.

On Thursday, April 29, The Dave Holland Quintet will perform. *Down Beat* magazine calls bassist Dave Holland a "mainstay of jazz excellence for more than three decades." Born in Wolverhampton, England, Dave has performed with jazz greats like Coleman Hawkins, Miles Davis, Chick Corea, Stan Getz and Herbie Hancock. He has attained a new plateau of public popularity and critical acclaim with his quintet. Acknowledged as one of the most polished and creative ensembles in acoustic jazz, their albums *Points of View* and *Prime Directive* were both Grammy-nominated and the band was voted #1 Acoustic Jazz Group of the Year in the *Down Beat* Critics Poll, and Best Combo of the Year in the Bell Atlantic jazz awards.

Michael Brecker

Friday, April 30
8 p.m.

The Michael Brecker Quartet will perform on Friday, April 30. A major figure in contemporary instrumental music, tenor saxophonist and composer Michael Brecker is a seven-time Grammy winner and is among the most studied instrumentalists in music schools throughout the world today. Brecker has performed with the most respected and renowned names in jazz including McCoy Tyner, George Benson, Dave Brubeck, Quincy Jones, Pat Metheny, not to mention an exhausting list of pop icons – Lennon, Springsteen, Sinatra, Elton John, Diana Ross and Joni Mitchell, just to name a few. Michael Brecker's accomplishments assure that his time will forever be intertwined with the history of music...Brecker is inarguably the most influential tenor stylist of the last 25 years.



Peter Cincotti

Saturday, May 1
8 p.m.

This year's festival will conclude on Saturday, May 1, with an appearance by recording artist Peter Cincotti, the 20 year-old jazz pianist, vocalist, composer and arranger who has been making incredible strides since the release of his self-titled debut CD *Peter Cincotti* in March 2003. The CD reached #1 on Billboard Magazine's Traditional Jazz Chart where it remains a best-seller and ranks #3 in overall sales in 2003! Peter's background in innovative jazz and classical piano "breathes new life into both pop standards and back-alley Bourbon Street anthems." With a sultry Sinatra-style baritone voice, charisma, talent and sophistication well beyond his years, Peter is on the verge of an extraordinary recording career that will bring pure jazz to a whole new audience.

Tickets are \$35 each for Dave Holland, Michael Brecker and Peter Cincotti.
Tickets are \$5 each for the CNU evening performances (no discounts are available).

CNU students may purchase their ticket at half-price and a
10% discount is available to anyone with a valid CNU ID.

Tickets may be purchased at the CNU Box Office or by calling 757-594-8752.

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