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JAG ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN ORCHESTRA 2006-07 SCHEDULE

Programming remains as planned, two programs to swap dates

Columbus, Ohio—The Jazz Arts Group announces a change to the Columbus Jazz Orchestra's (CJO) 2006-07 *Swingin' at the Southern* series schedule. Due to a scheduling conflict, the CJO's *Miles Smiles* program, starring trumpeter Terell Stafford and guest conductor John Clayton in a tribute to Miles Davis, will be performed **March 14-18, 2007**. The program was originally scheduled for April 18-22, 2007.

The *Cole Porter Tonight* program, originally scheduled for the March 2007 dates, will instead be performed **April 18-22, 2007**. *Cole Porter Tonight* will feature Columbus vocalists Milt Ruffin, Mary McClendon, Dick Mackey and Kelly Crum Delaveris.

The Columbus Jazz Orchestra will open its 2006-07 *Swingin' at the Southern* series October 25-29 with *Feels So Good*, starring legendary trumpeter Chuck Mangione. Tickets (\$30-\$48) and more information are available at www.jazzartsgroup.org or 614.294.5200.

Columbus Jazz Orchestra 2006-07 Swingin' at the Southern schedule:

October 25-29, 2006: *Feels So Good*, starring Chuck Mangione

International jazz star Chuck Mangione brings his boundless energy and melodic jazz-pop sounds to the stage for an unforgettable evening with the CJO. For more than five decades, Mangione has been a phenomenon on trumpet and flugelhorn, from his days with the big bands of Woody Herman and Art Blakey to his double-platinum hit "Feels So Good" that became an international sensation.

November 29–December 3, 2006: *Home for the Holidays*, starring Dave Powers

The CJO welcomes in the holidays with swingin' songs of the season. Versatile pianist Dave Powers joins the CJO as we feature the timeless classics of the Vince Guaraldi Trio from "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

February 14-18, 2007: *Big Band Time Machine*, starring guest composer and bandleader Gerald Wilson

From Benny Goodman to Duke Ellington and beyond, take a swing through the best of the big band era with classics like "Sing, Sing, Sing" and "One O'Clock Jump," plus a few

unexpected surprises! The CJO will be joined by guest composer and bandleader Gerald Wilson, one of the most prolific and respected big band composers and arrangers in the history of jazz.

March 14-18, 2007: *Miles Smiles*, starring Terell Stafford, guest conductor John Clayton
A lyrical and uniquely expressive player, trumpeter Terell Stafford joins the CJO and guest conductor John Clayton for an inspired program featuring the music of jazz giant Miles Davis, one of the genre's most innovative and creative forces.

April 18-22, 2007: *Cole Porter Tonight*, starring Milt Ruffin, Mary McClendon, Dick Mackey and Kelly Crum Delaveris

An unmatched lyricist and composer, Cole Porter penned countless enduring songs full of wit, style and swing. "Anything goes" when the CJO offers up a celebration of the Porter songbook with guest vocalists Milt Ruffin, Mary McClendon, Dick Mackey and Kelly Crum Delaveris.

June 13-17, 2007: *Basie, Boogie & the Blues*, starring Wycliffe Gordon, Aaron Diehl and Willie Pooch

The *Swingin' at the Southern* series concludes when the CJO goes eight-to-the-bar with a rousing show full of blues and boogie woogie. *Basie, Boogie and the Blues* guest stars hard-swinging trombonist Wycliffe Gordon, Columbus native and piano phenomenon Aaron Diehl, and the inimitable Willie Pooch on vocals.

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The Columbus Jazz Orchestra (CJO) is the flagship ensemble of the Jazz Arts Group (JAG), America's oldest not-for-profit arts organization dedicated to producing, performing and preserving jazz. The CJO—which performs nearly 50 concerts each season—is considered one of the finest jazz orchestras in the world and consists of musicians who are nationally and internationally known as performers and educators.

The Jazz Arts Group receives ongoing support from the Ohio Arts Council, the Greater Columbus Arts Council, and The Columbus Foundation.