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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Hot jazz will take the chill out when Youngstown State University's award-winning Jazz Ensembles I and II sizzle the air with their Winter Jazz Concert at 8 p.m. Monday, March 4, in the Chestnut Room of YSU's Kilcawley Center.

The concert, free and open to the public, will feature classic tunes like Cole Porter's "Easy to Love," showcasing the Ensemble I sax section, and Rob McConnell's "Just Friends." Ensemble II's offerings will include selections by Stan Kenton, Michel LeGrand, and Les Hooper.

There will also be some new sounds as Ensemble I presents an original composition by trumpeter Dave Rivello entitled "Somewhere West of Here."

Jazz Ensemble I and YSU jazz director Tony Leonardi of Poland were recently selected to perform at the annual Ohio Music Educators Association conference in Cleveland. Two members of Jazz Ensemble I, Kent Englehardt, Boardman, lead alto saxophone, and Tom Potjunas, Warren, trombonist, were among collegians chosen to play in the 19-member Intercollegiate Jazz Ensemble at the conference. They and others were chosen from taped auditions sent in from colleges and universities throughout Ohio.

Leonardi, assistant professor of music at YSU's Dana School of Music, was selected to direct the performance of the conference's first Regional All-Star High School Jazz Ensemble.

The Dana School of Music is part of the university's College of Fine and Performing Arts.

Attached is a list of members of the YSU Jazz Ensemble I and II.

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JAZZ ENSEMBLE II

Personnel

Saxophones

Alto I Matt Ferraro, Bessemer, Pa.  
Alto II Tim Demshar, Geneva  
Tenor I Allen Zurcher, Sheffield, Pa.  
Tenor II Mike Morelli, Clarion, Pa.  
Baritone Paul Radachy, Brookfield

Trumpets

Dennis Reynolds, Warren  
Kurt Schnader, Denver, Pa.  
Doug James, Boardman  
Dan Layman, Geneva  
Dave Aiello, Hubbard  
Kevin Howard, Warren

Trombones

Jeff King, Wooster  
Ed Fabrizio, Warren  
Andrew Senft, Aburn, N.Y.

Bass Trombone

Jonathan Willis, Austintown

Piano

Dave Shoff, Rome  
Connie Ascione, New Castle, Pa.

Bass

Glenn Brady, Cuyahoga Falls

Drums

Kevin Downs, Madison  
Tony DiSanza, Chesterland

Guitar

Ralph Rantilla, Youngstown

JAZZ ENSEMBLE I

Personnel

Saxophones

Alto I Kent Engelhardt, Boardman  
Alto II Matt Ferraro, Bessemer, Pa.  
Tenor I Dan Carioti, Warren  
Tenor II Keith Turner, Bedford Hts.  
Baritone Greg Ball, Wooster

Trumpets

Royce Hetrick, Punxsutawney, Pa.  
Lou Pisani, Natrona Hts., Pa.  
Darryl White, Warren  
Ted DiSanti, New Castle, Pa.  
Dave Rivello, Struthers

Trombones

Tom Sousa, Rochester, N.Y.  
Tom Potjunas, Warren  
Phil Miller, Syracuse, N.Y.

Bass Trombone

George Thompson, Howland

Piano

Brooke Hopkins, New Wilmington, Pa.

Bass

Jeff Grubbs, Wickliffe

Drums

Tom Ruggieri, Boardman

Percussion

Kevin Downs, Madison  
Jim Richley, Canfield

Guitar

Richard Popovich, Youngstown

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Carmen E. Turner, general manager of the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, will deliver the commencement address at Youngstown State University's Winter Commencement at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 23, in Beeghly Center.

The entire program will be broadcast live beginning at 9:55 a.m. over WYSU-FM (88.5), the university's fine arts radio station.

Mrs. Turner joined WMATA in November 1977 as assistant general manager of administration after a distinguished career as a federal administrator. She became general manager in July of 1983. This authority is one of the nation's largest transit properties, providing transportation for almost 800,000 District of Columbia area residents. Operating costs this year are \$425 million.

During her 26-year federal government career, Mrs. Turner has worked for the Department of the Army, U.S. Department of Transportation, served as deputy director of Civil Rights for the Urban Mass Transportation Administration, and as acting director of Civil Rights for the U.S. Department of Transportation.

She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in government from Howard University and Master of Arts degree in public administration and political behavior from the American University.

She has taught community planning and management principles at Federal City College and has been a guest lecturer at Northeastern University in training seminars for transit executives. Mrs. Turner chairs the training committee for the American Public Transit Association.

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Among her community services, Mrs. Turner is an active member of, and has served on the vestry of St. George's Episcopal Church.

She is married to Frederick B. Turner, Jr.. They are parents of two sons. The family resides in Washington.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Winter's "blahs" will disappear when Youngstown State University holds its second annual "Surf's Up Week" Feb. 26 through March 1.

Sponsored by the YSU Program and Activities Council, the theme for the week centers around the beach and offers a prelude to the upcoming spring break, when many YSU students and thousands from other universities will head for southern beaches.

At YSU's "Surf's Up," they won't have far to travel, because a corner of the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center will become beach when five tons of sand is brought in by truck beginning at 8 a.m. Feb. 28.

One of the week's highlights will be a fashion show featuring beach attire from Strouss', Penney's and The Limited. Free and open to the public, the show will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Feb. 27 in the Chestnut Room. Spectators can register at the door for prizes to be given away during the show.

Other events during the week include the 1963 movie, "Beach Party," starring Annette Funicello and Frankie Avalon, to be shown at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Kilcawley Pub, as well as an air band contest, other beach films, and a dance March 1.

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