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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - A foot stompin' "graduation party" will echo through Kilcawley Center at Youngstown State University on May 19.

YSU Jazz Ensembles I, II and III will present a free, public concert at 8 p.m. featuring special solo numbers by nine graduating members.

Also in the spotlight will be premiere presentations of three new compositions by Dave Rivello of Struthers, senior composer, arranger and trumpet player.

Tony Leonardi of Poland, director of the Jazz Ensembles, said the three pieces by Rivello, who has won honors for other compositions, will be "Where the Truth Lies," "Not This Time," with senior Dan Carioti of Warren on baritone sax, and "You Know What It Is" with senior Kent Engelhardt of Boardman on tenor sax and Phil Miller from Syracuse, N.Y., on trombone.

The season's final jazz concert will also feature solos by these other Ensemble I members who will graduate:

Matt Ferraro, Bessemer, Pa., alto sax; Keith Turner, Bedford Heights, tenor sax; Tom Potjunas, Warren, trombone; George Thompson, Howland, bass trombone; Jeff Grubbs, Wickliffe, bass; and Dave D'Angelo of New Castle, Pa., alto sax, in the Hoagy Carmichael/Johnny Mercer favorite, "Skylark."

For this concert, Mike Crist will direct Jazz Ensemble III, assisted by Dave D'Angelo. Leonardi will direct Ensemble II, assisted by D'Angelo.

The final portion of the program, with Leonardi directing Jazz Ensemble I, will conclude with Duke Ellington's "Battle Royal" and, Leonardi says, "practically everyone" chiming in with solos.

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Leonardi, a jazz bassist and former director of his own touring band, is associate professor of music in YSU's Dana School of Music, which is part of the University's College of Fine and Performing Arts.

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JAZZ ENSEMBLE I
PERSONNEL

Saxophones

Alto I Dave D'Angelo - New Castle, Pa.
Alto II Matt Ferraro - Bessemer, Pa.
Tenor I Kent Engelhardt - Boardman
Tenor II Keith Turner - Bedford Heights
Baritone Dan Carioti - Warren

Trumpets

Lou Pisani - Natrona Heights, Pa.
Darryl White - Warren
Jim Donovan - Bedford Heights
Chuck Curry - Flagstaff, Az.
Dave Rivello - Struthers

Trombones

Tom Potjunas - Warren
Phil Miller - Syracuse, N.Y.
Marty Hollister - Rochester, N.Y.

Bass Trombones

Jonathan Willis - Austintown
George Thompson - Howland

Piano

David Shoff - Rome, N.Y.

Bass

Jeff Grubbs - Wickliffe

Drums

Tom Ruggieri - Boardman

Guitar

Richard Popovich - Youngstown

JAZZ ENSEMBLE II

PERSONNEL

Saxophones

Alto I Brian Watson - New Castle, Pa.
Alto II Gary Gawdyda - McDonald
Tenor I Mike Oleksa - McDonald
Tenor II Robert Kleinschmidt - Strongsville
Baritone Joseph Mico - Campbell

Trumpets

Kurt Schnader - Denver, Pa.
Mike Kamuf - Parma
John Veneskey - Willowick
Dan Layman - Geneva
Russ McQuaide - Boardman

Trombones

Ed Fabrizio - Warren
Jeff King - Wooster
Jeff Althouse - Canfield

Bass Trombone

David Dunsing - Canfield

Piano

Connie Ascione - New Castle, Pa.

Bass

Rob Anzellotti - Boardman

Drums

Kevin Downs - Madison
Tony DiSanza - Chesterland

Guitar

Jeff Sanders - Youngstown