



Saxophonist will perform at jazz festival

HOLYOKE – Seven-time Grammy Award-winning saxophonist and bandleader, Paul Winter will be the guest artist at the 22nd annual Holyoke Community College Jazz Festival March 22 and March 23.

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The two-day festival opens Friday, March 22 with an 8 p.m. concert that will feature Winter playing with the Amherst Jazz Orchestra under the direction of David Sporny on the stage of the Leslie Phillips Theater in the HCC Fine & Performing Arts building.

"We are delighted and honored to have renowned saxophonist Paul Winter as the guest artist for this year's festival," said organizer and HCC music professor Robert Ferrier. "To have a musician of such distinction as our guest is a privilege and this year's jazz festival promises to be both an educational and inspiring event for all."

The festival will continue on Saturday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Leslie Phillips Theater with big band and jazz combo performances by high school and HCC jazz students. Jazz clinics, workshops and jam sessions will

be held throughout the day in the HCC Recital Hall (FPA building, Room 137). Paul Winter will conduct two music clinics, one at 11 a.m. and another at 1 p.m.

A concluding concert will be held in the theater Saturday from 4-5 p.m. featuring Winter performing with a select combo of students representing each of the participating high schools, HCC students and festival faculty.

Tickets for the Friday night concert are \$15 (general public), \$10 (senior and non-HCC students) and free for members of the HCC community – students, staff and faculty – with a valid ID. All Saturday events are free and open to the public. Individuals that wish to participate in workshops will be charged a nominal registration fee.

Also on Saturday, Gerry's Music in South Hadley will have a display booth showcasing instruments, music and accessories. For information, people may contact Robert Ferrier at 413-552-2480 or at rferrier@hcc.edu.