

## HOLYOKE

# HCC Jazz Festival tuning up for 22nd annual run

Grammy winner performing at weekend event

Seven-time Grammy-award-winning saxophonist Paul Winter will be the guest artist at the 22nd annual Holyoke Community College Jazz Festival, taking place this weekend on the campus.

The two-day festival opens Friday 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



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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 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).

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 to 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 who wish to participate in workshops will be charged a nominal registration fee.

## IF YOU GO

**Event:** Holyoke Community College Jazz Festival

**Where:** Leslie Phillips Theater, HCC Fine & Performing Arts building

**Friday:** Opening concert, 8 p.m.; \$15 for the general public, \$10 for seniors and non-HCC students, and free for members of the HCC community with valid ID

**Saturday:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; free (with a nominal fee to participate in workshops).

**For more information:** Contact Robert Ferrier at 413-552-2480 or rferrier@hcc.edu

Also on Saturday, Gerry's Music in South Hadley will have a display booth showcasing instruments, music and accessories.

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