



Music Performance Center, Inc.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Birch Creek Jazz Sessions to Run Through August 8th

Egg Harbor, WI – July 10, 2015 – Classic Big Band Jazz from the thirties and beyond returns to Birch Creek for their Jazz I and Jazz II Sessions, running July 15-25, and July 29-August 8, respectively.

Jeff Campbell, Jazz Program Director, rejoins Birch Creek this year for his 27th season. As Program Director, he brings in the world-class professionals from around the country who teach and perform during the Birch Creek Jazz Sessions. Members of Birch Creek's Jazz Faculty have played with the Count Basie Orchestra, the big bands of the Dorsey brothers, and such celebrated names as Frank Sinatra Jr., Jerry Lewis, and Dizzy Gillespie. Their summer experience is unique; they teach promising young musicians from across the country during the day and perform alongside them at night in Birch Creek's Concert Barn for a public audience.

Throughout the Jazz I and II sessions, 87 young men and 11 young women ranging in age from 13 to 18 will attend Birch Creek as students. Upon their arrival on Birch Creek's campus, they audition for placement in two big bands and several small combos. The advanced combo, "The Ambassadors," under José L. Encarnación and Marty Robinson, performs both public and private events county-wide. The Lab Band under Gil Wukitsch and Steve Sveum, and the Studio Band under Jim Stombres and Nic Meyer, open each nightly concert. Student ensembles will perform at Birch Creek and throughout the community over the course of both two-week sessions.

Concert tickets are available for purchase online at www.birchcreek.org or by phone at 920-868-3763. Prices are \$29 for adults, \$10 for students, and \$6 for children (11 and under). Premium seating is also available for \$34. Jazz I and II concerts will run for four weeks every

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Wednesday through Saturday. All concerts begin at 8 pm, with student prelude music at 7:30 in the gazebo.

Birch Creek Music Performance Center is a summer music performance academy in Egg Harbor, WI, for advanced young musicians. With a performance emphasis, students are taught by nationally known performers and educators during the day, and perform alongside them in concerts at night. Four sessions focus on Percussion & Steel Band, Symphony, and Big Band Jazz. Student applications are welcome.

Jazz I Concerts:

July 15 – OPENING NIGHT: Swing into Summer w/ Night Sky Viewing at 10 pm

July 16 – Essentially Ellington, Basie & Miller, Vol. I

July 17 – Essentially Ellington, Basie & Miller, Vol. I

July 18 – Swing into Summer

July 22 – Swinging Through the Ages

July 23 – Great American Big Band

July 24 – Great American Big Band

July 25 – Swinging Through the Ages

Jazz II Concerts:

July 29 – OPENING NIGHT: Legacy of the Big Band

July 30 – Essentially Ellington, Basie & Miller Vol. II

July 31 – Essentially Ellington, Basie & Miller Vol. II

August 1 – Legacy of the Big Band

August 2 – SPECIAL ADDENDUM: An Evening with Mardra and Reggie Thomas

August 5 – A Century of Swing

August 6 – Legacy of Swing

August 7 – Legacy of Swing

August 8 – A Century of Swing

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