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JAG ANNOUNCES COLUMBUS JAZZ ORCHESTRA'S 2006-2007 SEASON

CJO's 34th season shines with big stars, classic jazz

Columbus, Ohio—The Jazz Arts Group announces the Columbus Jazz Orchestra's 34th season will feature a star-studded lineup, including jazz greats Chuck Mangione, John Pizzarelli, Ann Hampton Callaway and Gerald Wilson. Under the direction of Byron Stripling, the Columbus Jazz Orchestra presents its 2006-2007 season at the Southern Theatre in two series: *Swingin' at the Southern* and the *Great American Songbook*.

The *Swingin' at the Southern* series features swingin' big band sounds, with six separate concerts of six performances each. Concerts are held at 8:00pm Wednesday through Saturday nights and Sundays at 2:00pm and 7:30pm. Single tickets are \$30-\$48, and series subscriptions are available ranging from \$141 to \$216.

October 25-29, 2006: *Feels So Good*, starring Chuck Mangione

International jazz star Chuck Mangione brings his boundless energy and melodic jazz-pop sounds to the stage for an unforgettable evening with the CJO. For more than five decades, Mangione has been a phenomenon on trumpet and flugelhorn, from his days with the big bands of Woody Herman and Art Blakey to his double-platinum hit "Feels So Good" that became an international sensation.

November 29–December 3, 2006: *Home for the Holidays*, starring Dave Powers

The CJO welcomes in the holidays with swingin' songs of the season. Versatile pianist Dave Powers joins the CJO as we feature the timeless classics of the Vince Guaraldi Trio from "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

February 14-18, 2007: *Big Band Time Machine*, starring guest composer and bandleader Gerald Wilson

From Benny Goodman to Duke Ellington and beyond, take a swing through the best of the big band era with classics like "Sing, Sing, Sing" and "One O'Clock Jump," plus a few unexpected surprises! The CJO will be joined by guest composer and bandleader Gerald Wilson, one of the most prolific and respected big band composers and arrangers in the history of jazz.

March 14-18, 2007: *Cole Porter Tonight*, starring Dwight Lenox, Mary McClendon, Dick Mackey and Kelly Crum Delaveris

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An unmatched lyricist and composer, Cole Porter penned countless enduring songs full of wit, style and swing. “Anything goes” when the CJO offers up a celebration of the Porter songbook with guest vocalists Dwight Lenox, Mary McClendon, Dick Mackey and Kelly Crum Delaveris.

April 18-22, 2007: *Miles Smiles*, starring Terell Stafford, guest conductor John Clayton

A lyrical and uniquely expressive player, trumpeter Terell Stafford joins the CJO and guest conductor John Clayton for an inspired program featuring the music of jazz giant Miles Davis, one of the genre’s most innovative and creative forces.

June 13-17, 2007: *Basie, Boogie & the Blues*, starring Wycliffe Gordon, Aaron Diehl and Willie Pooch

The *Swingin’ at the Southern* series concludes when the CJO goes eight-to-the-bar with a rousing show full of blues and boogie woogie. *Basie, Boogie and the Blues* guest stars hard-swinging trombonist Wycliffe Gordon, Columbus native and piano phenomenon Aaron Diehl, and the inimitable Willie Pooch on vocals.

The Columbus Jazz Orchestra’s *Great American Songbook* series celebrates the American song in three concerts of two performances each. Concerts are held at 8:00pm on Friday and Saturday nights. Single tickets are \$35-\$48, and series subscriptions range from \$90 to \$120.

September 22-23, 2006: *Blues in the Night*, starring Ann Hampton Callaway

The CJO opens its *Great American Songbook* series with a night of sultry swing, as the dazzling Ann Hampton Callaway pays tribute to her musical influences, including a memorable celebration of torch singer Peggy Lee.

January 12-13, 2007: *John Pizzarelli Sings Sinatra*

Only a singer with the rare talent and panache of John Pizzarelli could deliver such a fitting tribute to the legendary Frank Sinatra. Sinatra’s artful sense of timing and affecting delivery made him the undeniable master of the great American songbook.

**May 18-19, 2007: *Road Show*, starring The Four Freshmen
With a tribute to June Christy sung by Kelly Crum Delaveris
Guest conductor Ray Eubanks, CJO Artistic Director Emeritus**

In the fall of 1959, Stan Kenton’s orchestra hit the road with “The Misty” June Christy and The Four Freshmen for 38 shows in as many nights. Join the CJO and Artistic Director Emeritus Ray Eubanks for a rollicking recreation of this famous event, with today’s version of The Four Freshmen and songbird Kelly Crum Delaveris.

Single tickets and subscriptions are available for purchase from the Jazz Arts Group (614.294.5200, or www.jazzartsgroup.org), and single tickets only are also available through Ticketmaster (614.431.3600 or www.ticketmaster.com).

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The Columbus Jazz Orchestra (CJO) is the flagship ensemble of the Jazz Arts Group (JAG), America’s oldest arts organization dedicated to the presentation of jazz. The CJO—which performs over 40 concerts

each season—is considered one of the finest jazz orchestras in the world and consists of musicians who are nationally and internationally known as performers and educators.

JAG receives ongoing support from the Ohio Arts Council, the Greater Columbus Arts Council, and the Columbus Foundation.