

SFJAZZ High School All-Stars Alumni Remy Le Boeuf Receives 2015 SFJAZZ Alumni Commission Award

(San Francisco, CA, January 6, 2015) – SFJAZZ announces High School All-Stars Alumnus and saxophonist Remy Le Boeuf received the 2015 SFJAZZ Alumni Commission Award. Le Boeuf's composition "Neener Neener" won the award along with a \$1,000.00 check. On May 15, 2016, the award-winning High School All-Stars Orchestra will perform this composition. Trumpeter Aaron Bahr received the 2014 award.

SFJAZZ invites former High School All-Stars to submit original works to be evaluated by the SFJAZZ Education department based upon creativity, musical maturity, and a command of composition within the jazz orchestra idiom. This award is designed to maintain engagement with High School All-Star program alumni in a way that fosters their own creativity and artistry. SFJAZZ strives to support those who have come through the institution internally as students and contributors. This commission not only recognizes and rewards our awardee for their artistic contribution, but it also creates a dialogue between previous and current program participants. As well as being valuable to the awardee, this is valuable to current High School All-Stars as an educational and inspirational experience.

From Santa Cruz, CA, composer, saxophonist, bandleader, and educator Remy Le Boeuf was a member of the High School All-Stars from 2002 to 2004. After graduating from Pacific Collegiate High School in 2004, he moved to New York City where he received his Bachelors and Masters of Music degrees from the Manhattan School of Music. Le Boeuf has received awards from the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, the ASCAP Foundation, the New York Community Trust, Downbeat magazine, and the Independent Music Awards. Le Boeuf has performed at Carnegie Hall, The Monterey Jazz Festival, The Kennedy Center, and tours internationally with his ensemble, Le Boeuf Brothers.

"I couldn't be more excited to be contributing to a program that played such an important role in my life" says Le Boeuf.

SFJAZZ Ensemble Coordinator Erin Putnam states, "For the All-Stars' talent to come full circle like this, where alumni are having the chance to provide not only original material to the current students, but also that inspiration, is so rewarding."

Formed in 2001 and Directed by esteemed educator and performer Paul Contos, the SFJAZZ High School All-Stars Orchestra is comprised of 22 of the finest young Bay Area jazz musicians, selected annually by competitive audition. The ensemble has appeared at the San Francisco Jazz Festival, SFJAZZ Spring Season, Jazz at Lincoln Center's Essentially Ellington Competition, Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival, the Jazz Education Network Conference, and at concerts in top professional jazz clubs, festivals, museums, and community arts centers throughout California. Ensemble members enjoy regular workshops,

master classes, and mentoring sessions with leading artists, such as members of the SFJAZZ Collective, Terence Blanchard, Christian McBride, and Vijay Iyer.

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