

**SFJAZZ to Live Stream SFJAZZ High School All-Stars Orchestra
Family Matinee Concert Direct from SFJAZZ Center
Saturday, December 12 at 11:00am PST**

(San Francisco, CA, December 8, 2015) - SFJAZZ will live stream the award-winning SFJAZZ High School All-Stars Orchestra Family Matinee concert direct from the SFJAZZ Center on Saturday, December 12 at 11:00amPST. This is the first live stream of a concert from the SFJAZZ Center since the Center's opening night on January 23, 2013. The sold-out Family Matinee concert will feature the All-Stars serving up swinging and jazzy treatments of holiday classics as well as innovative new pieces arranged for orchestra. The stream can be experienced at SFJAZZ.org.

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, 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 Ravi Coltrane, Terence Blanchard, Christian McBride, Vijay Iyer, and members of the SFJAZZ Collective.

"It's appropriate that the first stream of a concert from the SFJAZZ Center will be of the SFJAZZ High School All-Stars Orchestra," says SFJAZZ Director of Education Rebeca Mauleón. "The organization is always looking to the future, and we are using the available streaming technology to focus on the future of jazz is a perfect, symbolic match. These amazing young musicians and this new capability will allow SFJAZZ to bring the music from the stage to the rest of world."

SFJAZZ Family Matinees are fun, educational, and provide a window into the exciting world of live jazz. The monthly one-hour concerts feature live performance, audience participation, and Q&A with the musicians.

ABOUT SFJAZZ

Founded in 1983, SFJAZZ presents the greatest names in jazz, Latin and global music and nurtures the art of improvisation through its year-round concert, commissioning and education programs. The West Coast's biggest jazz presenter serves over 200,000 fans and students every year and has award-winning resident jazz ensembles - the SFJAZZ Collective and the SFJAZZ High School All-Stars. After 30 years of using rented halls, the SFJAZZ Center opened in January of 2013 and is the only stand-alone facility designed and dedicated specifically for jazz in the United States. Designed by San Francisco architect Mark Cavagnero, the LEED-Gold certified center offers the superb acoustics of a great concert hall and the relaxed intimacy of a jazz club.

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