

**SFJAZZ High School All-Stars Combo & Orchestra Celebrate Numerous
2015-16 Awards
&
2015 Alumni Commission Award Winner Remy Le Boeuf
Sunday, May 15, 2016, 7:30pm
SFJAZZ Center Miner Auditorium**

(San Francisco, CA, May 3, 2016) For their final appearance of the 2015-16 season, the SFJAZZ High School All-Stars Combo and Orchestra will present challenging and far-reaching compositions by contemporary jazz luminaries as well as original works by the All-Stars members. Joining the All-Stars is alumnus and 2015 SFJAZZ Alumni Commission Award recipient Remy Le Boeuf on saxophone, who will premier his newly commissioned work, "Neener Neener."

This special concert will celebrate the numerous awards the SFJAZZ High School All-Stars have received over the last year. The awards include 1st Place at Portland Jazz Forward Festival (both High School Big Band Division and High School Combo Division); 1st Place at the Next Generation Jazz Festival in Monterey, CA (High School Conglomerate Combo Division) including Outstanding Soloist Awards to three of the members - Jasim Perales, Matt Richards & Remeé Ashley; 1st Place *DownBeat* Student Music Award, Honors Small Jazz Combo Division; and *DownBeat* Student Music Award, Outstanding Performance in the Honors Large Jazz Ensemble Division.

"SFJAZZ couldn't be prouder of our flagship ensemble program. They do great things each year but this season their ensemble playing as well as their individual achievements and recognition have reached new heights. We are so looking forward to celebrating their hard work as well as their brand new pieces at their May 15th SFJAZZ Center performance," says Ensemble Coordinator Erin Putnam.

The award-winning SFJAZZ High School All-Stars continue to earn accolades wherever they appear, including four consecutive wins at the Next Generation Jazz Festival in Monterey, their numerous *DownBeat* Awards, first place at the Charles Mingus festival, and many more. In addition, the alumni return each year to present a showcase of their ongoing musical explorations further enhanced by the Alumni Commission Award, which is offered to one of the former All-Stars. Under the expert direction of Paul Contos (Orchestra) and Dann Zinn (Combo), the SFJAZZ High School All-Stars display a technical brilliance and musical maturity rarely seen in the youth ensemble arena, and as always we are proud to show them off to the world!

SFJAZZ 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. 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.

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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Tickets are \$5 Youth/Senior and \$20 General Admission

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