

NPHS to host jazz concert, festival

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The Newbury Park High School Panther Band will host its third annual Jazz Festival at noon Sat., March 26 in the school's performing arts center, 456 N. Reino Road. At the event, young musicians in the Southern California region can attend hands-on clinics and compete for a chance to win a scholarship to the Idyllwild Arts Jazz Summer Camp.

The Cal State Northridge Jazz Band, under the direction of Matt Harris, will perform at noon with trombonist and recording artist Bob McChesney. Astudio musician, McChesney has worked with Ray Charles, Diana Krall, Shakira, Rod Stewart, Steve Tyrell, Chicago, Natalie Cole, Barry Manilow and Kenny G. He has also worked in film and television.

A musicians and jazz educators will work with students and band directors to refine skills and teach the nuances of playing jazz.

Judges are Jeff Jarvis, director of jazz studies at Cal State Long Beach and CEO of Kendor Publishing; Jeff Tower, retired director of bands at Hemet High School; Dan Boulton, director of bands at Hemet High; David Caffey, dean of UNC School of Music and composer; Gary Solt, dean of undergraduate studies at Musician's Institute in Hollywood and studio guitarist; Jim Mooy of Santa Barbara City College; Craig Yancey, freelance jazz artist and music educator; and Willie Murrillo, L.A.-based freelance jazz artist.

Concert tickets are \$7. Concertgoers can view clinics and competitions at no additional charge.

