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WSU Receives Top Honors at Hampton Festival

Pullman—WA. Groups and individuals from Washington State University received top honors on "College Day" at the 2007 Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival held at the University of Idaho on Thursday, February 22nd. The WSU Jazz Big Band under the direction of Meyer Distinguished Professor and Coordinator of Jazz Studies Greg Yasinitsky was awarded the Adjudicator's Special Commendation Award (first place) in the College Guest Band division, Matt Lanka received the Outstanding College Baritone Sax Solo Award, Troy Robey earned the Outstanding College Bass Solo Award, John Gronberg received the Outstanding College Vocal Tenor Solo Award, Adam Donohue was awarded the Outstanding Instrumental Composition prize, and the WSU Quartet directed by Horace-Alexander Young were selected as a runner up in the Outstanding Instrumental Combo division.

Additionally, two WSU students: Adam Donohue, tenor saxophone; and John Gronberg, trumpet, have been selected to perform with the Hampton NY Big Band on Saturday evening, February 24th.

The festival attracts thousands of students from across the US and Canada.

As WSU Coordinator of Jazz Studies Yasinitsky said: "I am gratified that WSU was recognized for excellence across the musical spectrum, from ensembles to individuals, from instrumental soloists to vocal soloists and from performance to composition. I am extremely proud of our students and faculty."

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