

Stockton Jazz Orchestra, Ed Vezinho/Jim Ward Big Band, to Perform Feb. 17 at Campus Center

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Galloway, NJ: The Ed Vezinho/Jim Ward Big Band, the Jazz Orchestra-in-Residence at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, will hold its second concert on **Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015** in the Campus Center Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

The Ed Vezinho/Jim Ward Big Band is a high-energy, 16-piece jazz ensemble comprised of some of Atlantic City's finest showroom musicians. The band plays original compositions and arrangements in a contemporary big band style. The ensemble, originally founded in 1982, plays jazz festivals and clubs in and around the tri-state area. With the release of their three CDs, the band has received acclaim both nationally and abroad. Their music can be heard on over 100 jazz radio stations throughout the United States, Great Britain and Australia.

"On behalf of Jim and the guys, it is a great honor to be selected as the first Jazz Orchestra-in-Residence at Stockton. We are very excited about our upcoming performances there," said Ed Vezinho, band leader and an adjunct instructor. "Stockton has wonderful facilities, a great staff, and first rate equipment being put at our disposal. We hope to inspire listeners to pursue their musical dreams by taking advantage of the fantastic opportunities being offered by the new Stockton music program."

The evening's concert, "The Great American Songbook," will feature original music and arrangements by Vezinho.

General admission is \$15, or \$10 for senior citizens and \$8 for students. The Campus Center Theatre is located on the Galloway campus, just off Jimmie Leeds Road, at 101 Vera King Farris Drive. For patrons with special needs, the Campus Center Theatre offers wheelchair accessible seating, listening assistive devices, and large type programs.

Tickets may be purchased in person, for cash-only, at the Campus Center Information Desk, open every day from 8 a.m. to midnight.

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