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## TEMPLE JAZZ DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

Over the past two decades, jazz giants such as Wynton Marsalis, McCoy Tyner and Dizzy Gillespie have come to Temple University as educators and mentors to students who will, in the future, fill the same role to the next generation of jazz musicians.

On April 23, 2007, the Jazz Studies Program at Temple's Boyer College of Music and Dance welcomes back student and faculty alumni to kick off a week of local performances and master classes. The week's culminating event is when the Temple Jazz Band performs with Slide Hampton and Program Chair, Terell Stafford, at Dizzy's Club in New York on May 1 at 7:30 and 9:30 pm.

Temple jazz faculty member, Ed Flanagan, who served as Coordinator of Jazz Studies for 12 years, notes that, "The Jazz Studies Program and the Boyer College have always provided a nurturing and stimulating environment for students."

Faculty members Dick Oatts, Bill Cunliffe, Luis Bonilla, Ben Schachter, Greg Kettinger and Bruce Barth will lead not only student ensembles, but their respective professional and touring ensembles in performances at Temple and Ortlieb's Jazzhaus in Philadelphia. On May 1, the Temple Jazz Band heads to Broadway and 60<sup>th</sup> Street to headline at Dizzy's at Jazz at Lincoln Center.

"I am delighted at the enthusiastic response from Jazz alumni and faculty to participate in our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It's just another example of their commitment and willingness to give back to students," says Terell Stafford.

[View a complete schedule of performances](#) celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jazz Studies at Temple University. All performances are free unless otherwise indicated.