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Greyhound alumnus comes home for Jazz Festival HHS Jazz Band tribute

Please join us on June 4 at the Raven Theater for a special evening that celebrates the Healdsburg High School Music Program. The Healdsburg Jazz Festival has been a supporter of the HHS Jazz Band for 10 years, and is sponsoring the June 4 concert, which will feature the current Jazz Band, alumni from previous years, and a special guest, Sarah Wilson, HHS Class of 1986, who has gone on to international fame as a composer and trumpeter.

Sarah has been hailed as one of the most intriguing and promising composers and trumpeters on the contemporary music scene. She has composed for film, released her own CDs, and performed with many jazz greats. Her compositions have been performed in the United States and Europe.

It all started for Sarah at Healdsburg High School. A former member of the Healdsburg High Jazz Band, Sarah credits then-music teacher Lew Sbrana with inspiring her to become a musician and composer. The June 4 performance includes current and former Jazz Band musicians, led by the current music teacher, Randy Masselink, along with guest bandleader Khalil Shaheed.

Wilson and Shaheed have been visiting Healdsburg and conducting workshops with the current HHS band. Wilson is teaching the band one of her original compositions, and members of Shaheed's Oaktown Jazz Workshop have been working with band members as well, teaching them three additional works, all of which will be performed on June 4.

The evening is a tribute to the power of music education and a recognition of the history and success of the Healdsburg High School Jazz Band. The workshops and concert are sponsored by the Healdsburg Jazz Festival, as part of its educational mission.

The Raven event will be an exciting evening, with players young and old, parents and families, and high quality original jazz. Closing the evening will be a special performance of Wilson's quintet "The Trapeze Project", an all-star band with Myra Melford, Ben Goldberg, Jerome Harris and Matt Wilson.

For more information about Wilson, visit www.sarahwilsonmusic.com. and www.healdsburgjazzfestival.org

Tickets for the HHS Jazz Band tribute evening at the Raven Theater are \$10 general, and \$5 for students. The concert begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are available by calling 433-4644 or online at www.healdsburgjazzfestival.org.

What: Healdsburg High Jazz Band, Past and Present



When: June 4, Raven Theater, 7pm

Where: Raven Theater, 115 North Street, Healdsburg

Tickets: \$10 general, \$5 for students

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Additional information: Sarah will be conducting the last of four workshops with the Jazz Band on Friday, May 16, at 7:15am in the band room at Healdsburg High School. Following that, Sarah and the band will perform at Fitch Mt. Elementary school at 10:30 am the same day.

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