

Jazz Band to perform classic, contemporary tunes Saturday night

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Join the Alfred University Jazz Band for an evening of lively and upbeat classics and contemporary tunes on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 9 p.m. in the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center. The performance is free and open to the public. The program will also feature a performance by Kate Truini, a junior interdisciplinary art major from Roxbury, CT, who will sing "Why Don't You Do Right," which was made popular by Peggy Lee. Christopher Foster, assistant professor of music and director of bands, directs the Jazz Band. He also directs the Concert Band and Brass Choir, and teaches music theory and lessons on wind instruments. Foster is an experienced musician and teacher. In Texas, he has performed with the University of North Texas Wind Symphony, Symphony Orchestra, Baroque Trumpet Ensemble and as a freelance musician. In Nevada, he has performed with the Reno Philharmonic Orchestra, Reno Chamber Orchestra, Nevada Opera, Reno Jazz Orchestra, the Gordy Brown Show at Harrah's Casino, and as principal trumpet and soloist for the Ruby Mountain Symphony. He has also been a guest conductor for the Lake Tahoe Music Camp. Prior to his appointment at Alfred University, he directed concert, jazz and marching bands in Ely and Las Vegas, Nevada. Foster holds bachelor of music education and master of music degrees from the University of Nevada-Reno, and a doctor of musical arts degree in trumpet performance and wind conducting from the University of North Texas (UNT). He has studied trumpet with Larry Engstrom and conducting from A. G. McGrannahan in Reno. During his studies at UNT, he studied trumpet with Keith Johnson and John Holt, and conducting with Eugene Corporon and Dennis Fisher. Foster can be heard on the Klavier label, performing with the University of North Texas Wind Symphony.