

## **Jazz Band Concert to offer wide variety of musical styles**

4/13/15

All are invited to attend the Alfred University (AU) Jazz Band concert Friday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Miller Theater. Under the direction of Christopher Foster, the band will play a wide variety of jazz styles.

Performances include “Don’t Get Around Much Anymore” by Duke Ellington; “Cool,” from “West Side Story,” by Leonard Bernstein; “Blue Rondo a la Turk” by Dave Brubeck; “The Theme” by Miles Davis; “Land of Make Believe” and “Children of Sanchez” by Chuck Mangione; Dave Mills’ “Heard it in the Blues;” Bret Zvacek’s “702 Shuffle;” and “Running of the Bulls” by Doug Beach and George Shutack.

Foster is director of bands and assistant professor of music at AU. He directs the Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Brass Choir, and teaches music theory and lessons on wind instruments.

He holds a master of music degree in performance from the University of Nevada-Reno and a doctor of musical arts degree in performance from the University of North Texas.

Foster has extensive experience as a musician and teacher having performed with the University of North Texas Wind Symphony, Symphony Orchestra, Baroque Trumpet Ensemble, and as a freelance musician. He has also 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.