

**HAMMER THEATRE CENTER BRINGS
HOLIDAY CHEER WITH
COOL YULE
FEATURING THE SJSU JAZZ ORCHESTRA
7:30pm Wednesday, December 4**

SAN JOSE, CA (12 November 2019) – Downtown San Jose will be extra chill this holiday season as **San Jose State University Jazz Orchestra** returns with **Cool Yule**, a jazz concert featuring the festive and familiar sounds of some of your favorite holiday songs with Valley Christian Jazz Ensemble as its opening act. Directed by Grammy Award-winning baritone saxophonist and composer **Aaron Lington**, this diverse group of SJSU music majors’ unique spin on holiday classics is sure to put audiences in a mellow holiday mood. **Cool Yule** can be seen **7:30pm, Wednesday, December 4** at the Hammer Theatre Center, 101 Paseo De San Antonio, San Jose. For more information or tickets (\$29), the public may visit www.hammertheatre.com or call (408) 924-8501.

Directed by Dr. Aaron Lington, the **San Jose State University Jazz Orchestra** provides students with an opportunity to perform traditional and contemporary repertoire from an array of composers spanning over 50 years of Jazz history. *Activate* hails, “SJSU Jazz Orchestra knows a few numbers of their own. This diverse group of music majors are well versed in diverse styles- from classical to Afro-Latin jazz.” Students are selected for this ensemble by audition only.

Aaron Lington is a Grammy Award-winning artist and educator. In 2011, he was named the “Jazz Educator of the Year” by the California Music Educators Association. *Cadance Magazine* declares, “Lington and compatriots come up with a wonderful and totally American jazz sound, [resulting in] a solid mainstream set based on some sweet melodic improvisation.”

The **Hammer Theatre Center** is a distinctive, state-of-the-art performance venue in the heart of downtown San José. Owned by the City of San José and newly operated by San José State University (SJSU), the Hammer Theatre's mission is to serve the community through artistically and educationally excellent programming that is expressive of the unique characteristics and diverse cultures that comprise Silicon Valley. The broader vision of the Hammer includes arts, innovation, and technology programming on the Paseo de San Antonio, creating a vibrant pathway between SJSU and the Tech Museum and bridging the urban spaces from Saint James Park down to the South of First Avenue cultural district. The Hammer also aims to connect SJSU's more than 37,000 faculty, students, and staff with the downtown cultural and economic corridors.

For Calendar Editors

WHAT: Downtown San Jose will be extra chill this holiday season as **San Jose State University Jazz Orchestra** returns with **Cool Yule**, a jazz concert featuring the festive and familiar sounds of some of your favorite holiday songs presented with a new spin. Directed by Grammy Award-winning baritone saxophonist and composer **Aaron Lington**, this diverse group of SJSU music majors' unique spin on holiday classics is sure to put audiences in a mellow holiday mood.

WHERE: **Hammer Theatre Center**
101 Paseo De San Antonio, San Jose
(Between 2nd and 3rd Streets)

WHEN: **7:30pm, Wednesday, December 4**

INFO: For tickets (\$29) the public may visit www.hammertheatre.com or call **(408) 924-8501**.

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