



Timberline Express Big Band Press Release

The Timberline Express is an "Original, Modern, Alternative Big Band," that maintains the traditional and recognizable Big Band components audiences have enjoyed for years. The band was co-founded in 2016 by leader/composer Martin Behnke and lead trumpet player Randy Scherer and features some of Southern Oregon's finest jazz musicians. Based in Medford, Oregon, the band draws performers/educators from Medford, Roseburg, Eugene, and Klamath Falls to create an exciting, unique, and inspiring sound of the highest quality for all ages.

TE has recorded two CDs, "Departures" and "Hot Tracks," both available on line and at retail stores in the area. Last fall, the band performed a gala show in Salem with former Miss America Katie Harman (a Klamath Falls resident!), and a "Late November" show in Medford. Future projects include a third album, that will include Christmas melodies set for jazz orchestra by Behnke, and an Oregon Arts Commission "Creative Heights" Grant designed around an extended new Behnke composition titled "Elements."

Timberline Express records at Studio Divine, an Ashland based recording studio operated by Sylvia Massy, a multi-award winning sound engineer with an international reputation. The Ross Ragland Theater performance will feature the music of Behnke, Thad Jones, Buddy Rich, and other serious musicians of this genre. Also to be featured in this performance are its "vocal section" and stunning vocal soloist Jeffri-Lynn Carrington, and alto saxophonist Ken White, a long time Klamath Falls resident, musician, and leader of the long-running Esquire Jazz Orchestra that performed in the Ross Ragland Theater numerous times over its recent history.