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WORCESTER ART MUSEUM HOSTS BIG BAND CONCERT ON APRIL 16

(WORCESTER, Mass., April 13, 2010) —The Worcester Jazz Orchestra will perform toe-tapping big band music at Worcester Art Museum on Friday, April 16. This is the second performance in the museum's *Jazz at WAM* concert series, which runs on consecutive Fridays through April 30 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

On Friday, this powerful 18-piece ensemble will perform music arrangements from Stan Kenton, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, and more. *Jazz at WAM* commemorates National Jazz Appreciation Month. Other *Jazz at WAM* performances include local jazz vocalist Linda Dagnello on April 23 and blues music performed by Chromatic Blues, featuring Worcester's Chet Williamson on April 30.

"The power and excitement of a Big Band is something to behold in an intimate venue like The Museum Café," said Brian Barlow, Director of Advancement at Worcester Art Museum. "The Worcester Jazz Orchestra swings hard! This concert is a great way to kick off the weekend."

All concerts are held in The Museum Café. Concert attendees will have free access to selected galleries during intermission. Cash bar available. Tickets can be purchased at the door and cost \$8 for museum members and \$10 for nonmembers.

Jazz at WAM – Performance Schedule

Friday, April 16

The Worcester Jazz Orchestra

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Listen to great charts of Kenton, Basie, Ellington and others as you enjoy the powerful sound from Worcester's favorite big band.

Friday, April 23

Linda Dagnello

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Enjoy soulful arrangements of the American songbook and jazz standards from this vocalist who has been capturing the hearts and ears of jazz fans in New England for years.

Friday, April 30

Chromatic Blues

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

This quartet will perform jump blues and standard jazz music from the Swing era and includes Worcester native, Chet Williamson, on the harmonica.

Located on Salisbury St., in Worcester, Massachusetts, the Worcester Art Museum opened in 1898 and is one of America's most respected art Museums. The Museum is world-renowned for its 35,000-piece collection of paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, photography, prints, drawings and new media.

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