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BUCKS COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

JOHN SWANA JAZZ QUARTET RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH 14, 2009

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-----Yardley, PA, January 14, 2009

Due to inclement weather, the John Swana Quartet was cancelled on January 10. They will now be performing on March 14, 2009. The release is below.

The Bucks County Performing Arts Center (BCPAC) will present the highly regarded jazz trumpeter, John Swana, and his quartet on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. in the historic Yardley Community Centre. This is the second of two jazz concerts presented by BCPAC this season, and it should be a great one.

"**John Swana** is one of the most exciting trumpeters to arrive for a decade," declares Mark Gardner, co-author of Blackwell's Guide to Recorded Jazz.

Born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia, John Swana began studying the trumpet at the age of 11. He was drawn to jazz when he was 17 after hearing Dizzy Gillespie, and the interest then developed into a passion while he was in college. There he began transcribing the solos of Freddie Hubbard, Clifford Brown, Miles Davis, and Tom Harrell.

Swana has performed and toured with the Mingus Big Band. He has also played in the Philadelphia and New York areas with well known jazz names such as Don Patterson, Shirley Scott, Mickey Roker, Cecil Payne, Johnny Coles, Ralph Peterson, Bobby Watson, Bootsie Barns, Craig Handy, Chris Potter, Stephen Scott, Tim Warfield, Sam Newsome, Vincent Herring, Robin Eubanks and many others. He has also been heard with Freddie Hubbard, Phil Woods, Ronnie Cuber, Clark Terry, Frank Foster, John Faddis, Slide Hampton, and Charlie Persip as a member of the Joe Sudler Swing Machine, a 16-piece big band based in Philadelphia.

John Swana can be heard on many Criss Cross records. He has recorded with such names as: Benny Golson, Grover Washington Jr., Charles Fambrough, Craig Handy, Tito Puente, Bill O'Connell, Lenny White, Marlon Simon, Ed Simon, Dave Valentin, Cafe', Art Webb, and many others as well.

Joining Swana will be quartet members Steve Giordano on guitar, Steve Meashey on bass and John Mosemann on drums.

Steve Giordano is a Philadelphia jazz guitarist and composer. He has played in numerous jazz performances with Richard Groove Holmes and Willis Jackson in Europe and in U.S. East coast festivals, clubs and concerts. His first recording contract was with Muse records in the company of Mike Richmond, Billy Hart, and Barry Miles. His Philadelphia based quartet of guitar, bass, drums, and trumpet lasted over twenty years, and now his new ensemble, the "Spacetet", is the culmination of decades of Giordano's compositional development and musical relationships. The "Spacetet" has since released two recordings featuring his compositions: Sea

Dreams (2004) and Utopia (2006). Giordano's career as a soloist and educator has recently included two tours to Italy offering master classes at the Accademia di Chitarra Moderna and continuing collaborations with Sicilian jazz musicians drummer Francesco Branciamore and guitarist Andrea Quartarone.

Steve Meashey, bass, is originally from Lebanon, Pa where he now lives with his wife Erin and their three kids, Samantha 18, Chester 17 and Robyn 13. For over 25 years Steve has made a living playing bass in Central Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia area where he has had the privilege of playing with many of the finest jazz musicians in the region, including John Swana. Meashey has also been involved in a great deal of recording over the last 12 years, including CD's with Hilary Leigh Graves, The For Peace Quartet and The Joe Hunt Trio.

John Mosemann, drums with Paul Gehman, bass and Tim Schumacher, guitar have been working as a trio since 2000. John has played with prominent jazz artists in Philadelphia, New York and beyond. Performance venues have included West Chester University Jazz Festival, Arcadia University, Bethlehem Musikfest and the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts.

The business sponsor for this concert is Dyventive, a provider of business solutions for meetings and events.

Tickets are available for \$15, \$12(seniors), and \$8(students). Tickets are available by contacting the BCPAC office at (215)493-3010, online at our website (www.bcpac.org) or at the Yardley Community Center prior to each concert.

BCPAC is a registered non-profit organization based in Lower Makefield Township. Its mission is devoted to the creation of community through the arts.

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