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DON MENZA CONCERT TO HIGHLIGHT JAZZ FESTIVAL

MISSOULA--

A high school jazz festival at the University of Montana on Jan. 21 and 22 will be capped with a concert by saxophonist Don Menza and the UM Jazz Workshop I.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22, in the University Theater. Admission is \$3 for students and \$4 for the general public.

Don Menza has played with Maynard Ferguson, Stan Kenton, Buddy Rich, Louie Bellson and Woody Herman during the last two decades.

"He's really built an international reputation as an outstanding tenor saxophonist," said Lance Boyd, director of Jazz Studies at the UM. "He's probably one of the best to come about in the last 15 years."

Menza has been Hollywood-based since the 1960s, but has played on concert stages in many parts of the world, including Germany and Japan. In addition to playing on dozens of albums of other musicians, he has several albums to his name, on which he plays alto, baritone and tenor sax.

His Missoula concert will be part of a high school jazz festival at the UM which will include bands from around the state. They will have a chance to perform and attend clinics on jazz saxophone (given by Menza); arranging and composing television music; stage band rehearsal techniques; and improvisation.

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Other clinicians are Fred Sturm, director of Jazz Studies at Lawrence Conservatory in Appleton, Wis.; Gene Aitken, director of Jazz Studies at the University of Northern Colorado at Greeley; and Dartanyan Brown and Marcia Miget, artists-in-residence at the UM for the past two years.

The festival will also include a free concert on Friday night by Brown and Miget and the UM Jazz Workshop II. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the University Theater.

An open jam session is scheduled for later that night. The place will be announced.

High school jazz ensembles from the following towns will participate in the festival: Belgrade, Browning, Butte, Columbia Falls, Fort Benton, Frenchtown, Havre, Helena, Kalispell, Missoula, St. Ignatius and Stevensville.

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