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Jazz Ensemble Homecoming Activities

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., October 2, 2019 – The Florida A&M University Jazz Ensemble

will be showcasing their talents during homecoming week on October 2 and 3.

The Jazz Ensemble will be having their **combo** recital on October 2. This event will take place in the **Foster-Tanner** Band Rehearsal Hall at 1:25 p.m.

Newly known as JE1, the Jazz Ensemble, one of the three Music Department **jazz** ensembles, will also be hosting a jazz jam on October 3. This event will take place on the B.L. Perry Lawn from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. **Food will be provided by FAMU alumni, and former “Marching 100” Drum Major, Kenny Hannah.**

JE1 is known for its very capable musicians and diversity of styles. They perform for conventions, jazz festivals, concert tours, school concerts and many other occasions. **The FAMU Jazz Ensemble includes several jazz combos that are composed of talented musicians.** These combos perform with the Jazz Ensemble and play for many events on and off campus.

Robert Griffin, an Associate Professor of Music, serves as Director of Jazz Studies. Griffin started the Jazz Jam two years ago to celebrate FAMU Homecoming. The Jazz Jam is in conjunction with the Marching 100 Legacy Association, led by Kenny Hannah.

“I felt like wow, here’s an opportunity for us to really bring up the spirit by just playing music outside,” said Griffin. “I wanted to do this to support the effort of the Legacy Association, generate more spirit prior to homecoming, and generate more interest in the jazz program.”

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