

Press Release
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Professional Trombonist to Perform with Jazz Bands

The annual Jazz O' Rama concert featuring the Jazz Bands from Clute Intermediate, Lake Jackson Intermediate and Brazoswood High School will take place on Monday, May 24th, at 7:00 at The Clarion at Brazosport College. This year's featured guest artist is Ron Wilkins, professional trombonist, vocalist, and humorist.

Wilkins resides in San Antonio. He received the majority of his music education at North Texas State University, where he performed with the 2 'o'clock Lab Band. He later graduated from The University of Texas at San Antonio. In 1984 Wilkins enlisted in the USAF Band of the West as lead and bass trombonist, principal euphonium, second tubist and featured vocalist. In 2005, Wilkins became the Trombone and the Jazz Studies professor at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Ron Wilkins's diversified career has lead to performances with the San Antonio and Victoria Symphony Orchestra. His Broadway show credits include "Fiddler on the Roof," "Showboat," "Ragtime," "The Lion King," and many others. He has also performed with Jerry Lewis, Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles, Bob Hope, Jimmy Stewart, Lena Horne, Rosemary Clooney, Dizzy Gillespie, The Temptations, The Four Tops, and other well-know entertainers.

As a noted jazz musician, Wilkins performs frequently in the San Antonio and Austin Areas including Jim Cullum's Landing on the Riverwalk, the Boardwalk Bistro, the Carver Cultural Center, and the Elephant Room. Wilkins released his first CD in 2000, "Ron Wilkins: A Tribute to the Masters." His second CD was entitled "The Bundee Brothers Bone Band." Wilkins is currently finishing his third CD, " The Sleeper has Awakened." Check out more information at www.ronwilkins.net.



Wilkins will present a clinic at 4:00 p.m. at The Clarion which is open to the public. Admission to each of Monday's events is free.