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Jazz saxophonist Mark Colby to join Aurora All-City Jazz Combo in concert

AURORA -- The Aurora All-City Jazz Combo will perform in concert with Chicago tenor saxophonist Mark Colby at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 9, in Perry Theatre in the Aurora Foundation Center, 1305 Kenilworth Place, Aurora.

The City of Aurora Youth and Sports Activities Department is sponsoring the concert, which is free and open to the public.

Colby has performed with Gerry Mulligan, Jaco Pastorius, Frank Sinatra, Maynard Ferguson, Bob James, Charlie Haden and Mose Allison. He has been a jazz faculty member at DePaul University since 1983 and also is on the faculty of Elmhurst College.

He currently is performing as a guest soloist and clinician/ adjudicator at high schools and colleges throughout the United States.

In 2001, Colby performed Duke Ellington's version of *The Nutcracker Suite* with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. In 1999, Hallway Records released *Reunion*, followed by *Tenor Reference* in 2002 to glowing reviews.

Also featured in the concert will be vocalist Julie Thurlow, a 2004 graduate of West Aurora High School and a recent graduate of Western Illinois University's Musical Theater Program.

The Aurora All-City Jazz Combo, under the direction of Stephen Thurlow, is open to Aurora high school jazz musicians and focuses on developing improvisational skills.

Members are: Terence Vant, alto sax; Evan Kline-Wedeem, tenor sax; Daniel Gotlund, bass; Felipe Rangel, piano; Alex Caton, guitar; and Peter Naughton, percussion.

The program will include: *Lullaby of Birdland* by George Shearing; *Satin Doll*, by Billy Stayhorn, Duke Ellington, and Johnny Mercer; *Autumn in New York* by Vernon Duke; *Masaman* by Geoff Keezer; *My Man Dan* by Charles Bubeck; *Quittin' Time* by Clifford Jordan; and *Overdrive* by J. J. Johnson.

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