SECOND HALF OF DAYTON ART INSTITUTE’S ‘VECTREN JAZZ & BEYOND’ SERIES KICKS OFF WITH GENERATIONS BIG BAND

(DAYTON, OHIO) – July 31, 2013 – The Dayton Art Institute’s popular Vectren Jazz & Beyond series begins the second half of its season with the Generations Big Band on Thursday, August 8.

It was a hot summer day in 2010, when three musician friends said to each other, “Why don’t we start our OWN big band?” They began to gather music, recruit musicians, and seek out a place to rehearse. Preliminary rehearsals for what would become the Generations Big Band began in the fall of 2010 with just three saxophones, two trumpets, one trombone player, and a bass player who also played keys! Members were added over the next few months, rounding out the once sparse group to include musicians with an eclectic variety of experience and a wide range in ages. Because of the wide variation in members’ ages, it seemed fitting to choose the name Generations Swing Band.

The Generations Swing Band started out with a repertoire of many swing band favorites, playing a variety of tunes from Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Tommy Dorsey, and a few vocal numbers that complemented this style of music. The band eventually began to play a more contemporary style of big band music, incorporating pieces from the “Great American Songbook,” as well as a variety of newer arrangers who have reworked the traditional tunes to reflect a more modern interpretation. For this reason, the band eventually decided to change its name to Generations Big Band. It is now a full 17 piece big band with three vocalists who are able to perform the full spectrum of modern big band music, ranging from Buddy Rich, Count Basie, Frank Sinatra, and Diane Schuur to more modern contemporary big band jazz such as Thad Jones, Tom Kubis, Les Hooper, and George Stone.

The members believe Big Band music is an important part of our American heritage, and the Generations Big Band is doing its part to make sure it continues to be heard.

The Dayton Art Institute’s Vectren Jazz & Beyond series offers a mix of familiar faces and new surprises. The series features concerts on the second Thursday of March – June and August – November. The remainder of the 2013 lineup includes:

- **August 8:** Generations Big Band
- **September 12:** Tribute to Louis Armstrong
- **October 10**: Greg Abate and the Lee McKinney Trio
- **November 14**: Puzzle of Light

The Vectren Jazz & Beyond series is supported by Presenting Sponsor Vectren, with additional support from Dayton International Airport.

All Vectren Jazz & Beyond performances begin at 5:30 p.m. in The Dayton Art Institute’s Shaw Gothic Cloister. **Admission is FREE for museum members and just $8 for non-members.** General admission tickets to the Vectren Jazz & Beyond series may be purchased at The Dayton Art Institute the night of each performance. A cash bar is available for food and drinks.

For more information about Vectren Jazz & Beyond and other programs at The Dayton Art Institute, please visit [www.daytonartinstitute.org](http://www.daytonartinstitute.org) or call the museum at 937-223-4ART (4278). Be sure to also connect with The Dayton Art Institute on [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com), [Twitter](http://www.twitter.com) and [Instagram](http://www.instagram.com) for additional information, behind-the-scenes photos and exclusive offers.

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