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Century College to Host 21st Annual Jazz Festival Jan. 23 and 24

Century College will host its 21st annual Jazz Festival the weekend of Jan. 23 and 24 in the West Campus Theatre.

Jazz saxophonist Eric Marienthal will perform with the 17-piece Century Jazz Ensemble for two exciting shows – Saturday evening, Jan. 23 at 8 p.m. (reception at 6:45 p.m.) and Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. (reception at 1:45 p.m.) Both receptions will feature complimentary wine, cheese and dessert. The Twin Cities group the Larry McDonough Quartet will perform during the receptions.

Tickets are \$20 with a student price of \$10. This year there are general admission tickets only – no assigned seating. Phone orders will be accepted by calling 651-779-5531. Prepaid tickets will be at the will-call window on the day of the performances at the theatre doors. If there are seats remaining, they

will be for sale beginning one hour prior to each show. Ticket proceeds support student scholarships through the Century College Foundation.

This year's guest artist, jazz saxophonist Eric Marienthal, studied at the famous Berklee College of Music in Boston and achieved the highest proficiency rating given by the school. He has performed in over 65 countries, recorded 11 solo CDs and has played on hundreds of records, films, television shows and commercial jingles.

Marienthal started his professional career in 1980 with famed New Orleans trumpeter Al Hirt. Moving to Los Angeles, Marienthal played in the Disneyland Band and then became a member of the Grammy Award-winning Chick Corea Elektric Band. He then went on to perform with artists such as Elton John, Barbra Streisand, Billy Joel, Stevie Wonder, Dionne Warwick and Burt Bacharach.

Among Marienthal's 11 solo CDs, his latest is called "Just Around the Corner," on Peak Records. Two of the songs that Eric has recorded have made it to Number One on the National Contemporary Jazz Radio Charts.

Marienthal is currently touring and recording continuously. Besides playing in professional bands, he gives master classes and performs with high school and college bands around the country.