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CAPA presents *Classic Jazz Inspiration* on December 2

Dan Heck Blues and Truth Sextet featured in first *Jazz & Blues Series* concert of season

Naples, FL — The Cultural and Performing Arts Center (CAPA) presents the Dan Heck Blues and Truth Sextet in *Classic Jazz Inspiration* for the first CAPA *Jazz & Blues Series* concert on Saturday, December 2, at 7:30 p.m., at the Wang Opera Center. Described as presenting a sound unlike anything currently being performed in Southwest Florida, the group will include the music of jazz greats Charles Mingus, Oliver Nelson, Cannonball Adderley and more.

The newly formed musical collaboration promises to deliver an evening of high-energy jazz and swing colored with a soulful, bluesy style. The sextet includes Dan Heck on guitar, George Mancini on trombone, Gabriel Wallace and Brennan Yetter on saxophone, Paul Gavin on drums and Dan Miller on trumpet.

Known for his impeccable guitar solos and head-nodding groove, **Dan Heck** has performed throughout the U.S. and Europe. **Dan Miller** performed with the Harry Connick band for many years, toured with Maynard Ferguson and Tom Jones and played with Wynton Marsalis' Lincoln Center band. **Brennan Yetter** and **Gabe Wallace** have been described as young, high energy, fiery players. **George Mancini** has played with top groups and performers including the Temptations, The Four Tops, Bernadette Peters and more. **Paul Gavin** is a young, amazing drummer, and a centerpiece of the group.

All CAPA Jazz & Blues Series concerts are at 7:30 p.m. at the Wang Opera Center, 2408 Linwood Avenue, Naples. Individual tickets are \$40 for adults, \$10 for students/children and \$50 for VIP seating. Series tickets for the four-concert Jazz & Blues Series are \$160 for adults, \$40 for students/children and \$200 for VIP seating. VIP includes preferred seating and meet-the-artists after-party. Tapas and wine will be available for purchase pre-concert.

A special three-series package also is available. Purchasers of both the Spectrum Series and Jazz & Blues Series will receive the Rising Stars Series at no charge. To order season or individual tickets, call (239) 775-2800 or visit www.CAPACenter.org.

Jazz & Blues Series concerts also include *The Sweet Sounds of Jazz* with Jazz Simpatico — Bob Zottola & Company with Michelle Amato on January 10; *The Music of George Gershwin* with Dan Miller-Lew Del Gatto Quintet on January 19, and *Jazz Meets Blues* with Rick Howard Quintet featuring vocalist Lynn Richardson on March 2.

The CAPA Jazz & Blues Series is sponsored by *Florida Weekly*, Susanne E. Geier, Susan Gibbons, Brunie Kunzel and Naples Best Addresses.

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