Bakersfield College Hosts Inaugural Panorama Creative Music Summit

Two-day event features performances by acclaimed guest artists, faculty, and students

Bakersfield, CA—The Jazz Studies and Commercial Music Programs at Bakersfield College are pleased to announce the inaugural Panorama Creative Music Summit. Visiting artists, local performers, and Bakersfield College faculty, students and alumni will perform original music exploring a broad range of styles and creative approaches across the jazz-pop continuum. The Panorama Creative Music Summit takes place Friday, October 13 and Saturday, October 14. Performances will be held at 7 p.m. both days in the Edward Simonsen Performing Arts Center Indoor Theater on the Bakersfield College campus. Tickets for each concert are $10 for general public and $7 for students, staff, and seniors. Tickets are available at Vallitix.com.

**Friday Performances**

Friday's headliner will be SoCal composer/producer Chris Schlarb and his band Psychic Temple. Schlarb’s latest album, *Psychic Temple IV*, has been described as a modern-day Pet Sounds. The album debuted at #11 on the Billboard Americana/Folk charts. Rounding out the program will be Bakersfield College Commercial Music professor Josh Ottum with his trio, and new works presented by student songwriters from the Bakersfield College Commercial Music Program.

**Saturday Performances**

Saturday's concert will feature an engaging and transformative performance by the Nakatani Gong Orchestra. Led by master percussionist Tatsuya Nakatani, the 15-piece ensemble will be comprised of Bakersfield College music students trained to play Nakatani’s unique set of bowed gongs. Also performing will be Los Angeles pianist and composer Cathlene Pineda with Bakersfield College Jazz professor Kris Tiner on trumpet. Bakersfield College Jazz alumnus and recent CSUN graduate Andrew Morgan with his quartet complete the lineup.

Those interested in attending are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance, as the Summit performances will draw a variety of music lovers to experience performances on both evenings.

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Bakersfield College offers a rigorous and supportive learning environment that fosters students’ abilities to think critically, communicate effectively, and demonstrate competencies and skills in order to engage productively in their communities and the world, while simultaneously contributing to the intellectual, cultural, and economic vitality of the communities it serves.

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