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*The 3rd Annual 2016 SLO Jazz Festival
Saturday, May 14, 2016 11AM To 10PM
Mission Plaza, San Luis Obispo, CA*

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**SLO JAZZ FESTIVAL RETURNS WITH GRAMMY AWARD WINNING REBIRTH BRASS BAND,
PETE ESCOVEDO LATIN JAZZ ORCHESTRA, AIRTO MOREIRA & EYEDENTITY FEATURING DIANA PURIM
PLUS MORE PERFORMANCES AND CLINICS**

SAN LUIS OBISPO- SLO Jazz Festival returns this year with a powerhouse line up of jazz musicians on Saturday, May 14, 2016, live at Mission Plaza in San Luis Obispo, beginning at 11:00 a.m. and concluding at 10:00 p.m. The City of San Luis Obispo returning as the title sponsor. The Festival’s headliners include the Grammy Award winning Rebirth Brass Band out of New Orleans, LA. Co-headlining is Pete Escovedo Latin Jazz Orchestra, an 11-piece Latin-jazz ensemble of heavyweights joined by Jorge Bermudez, the former conga/bongo percussionist for Carlos Santana and Malo. Adding excitement to the lineup this year is legendary Airtto Moreira and Eyedentity featuring Diana Purim. Joining the stellar Mission Stage lineup are John Worley and the Mo Chi Sextet performing the music from Miles Davis’ *Kind of Blue*, which is the best-selling jazz album of all-time. Local favorites Cuesta Faculty All-Stars will open the Mission Stage. Completing the lineup on the Broad Street stage are Zzah!, a newcomer to the jazz festival but not to the Central Coast music scene; local favorite Topsy Gypsies, showcasing music from the 1910’s to present day jazz; and the Zongo All-Stars, with their unique style of high-energy “Cali-Cubano” dance music.

We are returning the Youth in Music stage, with three combos who have emerged from Cuesta College which include The Cool Notes, Toy Boat, and Umlaut; plus, the Invitational High School Honor Jazz Band and the Summer Jazz Workshop band, comprised of musicians from our Summer Jazz Workshop; and also adding a High School Band Stage at the Children’s Museum this year featuring bands from Nipomo, Atascadero, and possibly one or two more area high school bands.

We’re expanding our clinics this year, with a trumpet clinic by John Worley in the Museum of Art in the afternoon, and a very special percussion clinic featuring Pete Escovedo and his sons on May 13 at 6:00PM at the Museum of Art in San Luis Obispo (special ticket available).

New SLO Jazz Festival sponsors this year include San Luis Collection (Jamestown Properties), Woodstock’s Pizza, Left Coast Shirt, Sesloc Federal Credit Union, NOVO Restaurant, Wild Horse Winery, Solar City, Smart 72, Got You Covered, VIBE Radio, and more. Returning sponsors include the City of SLO (TBID and PCC), KSBY TV, Tolosa Press, BHE Renewables, Bank of America, Big Big SLO, Bliss Café, Rabobank, Cass Vineyard & Winery, KJAZZ (88.1 KXIZ in Long Beach), John Landon Gallery (who painted the poster artwork), KCSM 91.1, Valley Public Radio, La Ley, The Pirate, Bill Gaines Audio, the Drum Circuit, New Times SLO, Santa Maria SUN, SLO Tribune, and Central Coast Party Helpers.

San Luis Obispo native and well-known local jazz musician Scott Andrews, Executive Director, says,

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“We believe this is our most exciting line-up yet for SLO Jazz Festival. Fast becoming one of the top attractions in San Luis Obispo County, we pride ourselves on bringing International quality jazz to the Central Coast, and showcasing regional and local Central Coast jazz stars in our growing jazz festival. We are grateful for our sponsors, media supporters, vendor, and volunteers who’ve all worked hard to bring this gem of an event back to San Luis Obispo – to celebrate life through jazz music.”

Tickets are on sale now through Boo Boo Records and all Vallitix outlets.

For more information and to order tickets, visit the Festival’s website: www.slojazzfest.org.

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Photos for Rebirth Brass Band:



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Airto Moreira with Eyedentity Featuring Diana Purim:



John Worley's Mo Chi Sextet *Kind of Blue*

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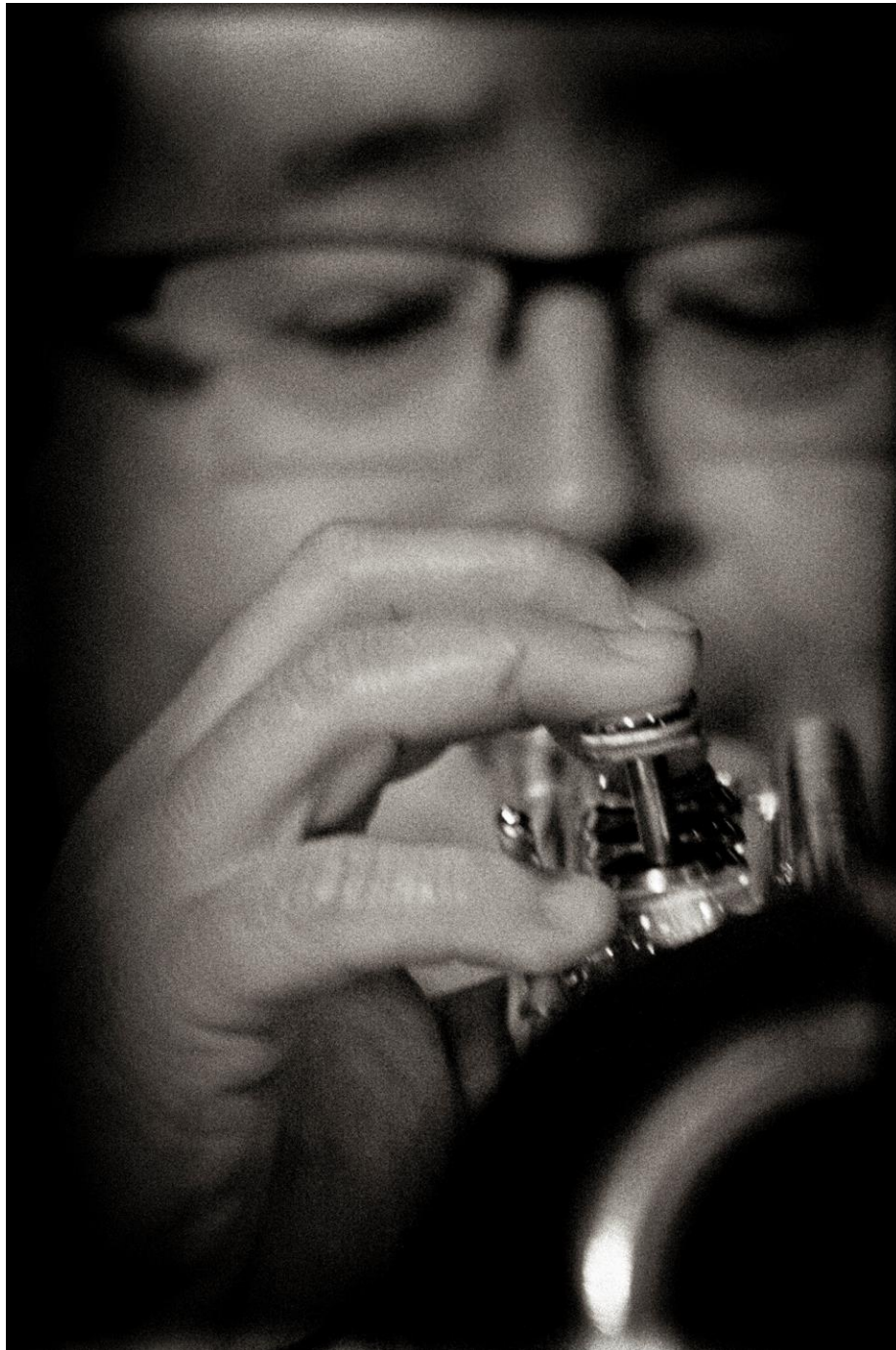
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Steve McCann & His Jazz All Stars *Tribute to Sinatra*

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Zongo All-Stars



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