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October Means Jazz at Winchester Cultural Center Garrett Hypes Sextet, Starlight and Strings Benefit Highlight Month

Winchester Cultural Center, 3130 S. McLeod Drive, will play host to two jazz concerts in the coming weeks including baritone saxophonist **Garrett Hypes** and his sextet at 2 p.m. Oct. 11 and **Starlight and Strings**, the center's annual fund-raiser to benefit the Friends of Winchester Park, at 6 p.m. Oct. 16.

The Garrett Hypes Sextet is made up of some of the most respected musicians in the Las Vegas Valley including Mike Gonzales on trumpet; Jeff Jordan on tenor saxophone; Save Loeb on piano; Jeff Davis on bass and Tony Augustine on drums.

Hypes, a sought-after professional musician, has performed for many years on the Strip as well as in the Lon Bronson Big Band and the Nevada Jazz Orchestra. A Southern California native, Hypes grew up playing in jazz bands across Los Angeles and graduated from Long Beach State University. He used his knowledge of music and sound engineering to found Saxophone.com, an online saxophone shop headquartered in Las Vegas. Although he is a master baritone saxophonist, he plays all reed instruments and now performs on horns manufactured by his own company.

Tickets for the the Garrett Hypes Sextet concert are \$12 for general admission and \$10 for seniors, students and members of the Las Vegas Jazz Society and Guitar Society of Las Vegas.

This year's **Starlight and Strings** event, presented by the Guitar Society of Las Vegas and the Las Vegas Jazz Society, will feature the Mary Ellen Spann Quintet. Wine, appetizers and acoustic guitars will greet attendees under a canopy of lit trees in the Winchester Desert Demonstration Garden. Intermission will feature a silent auction and raffle, including that of a Waterstone jazz guitar. Raffle tickets are \$5 for one; \$10 for three or \$20 for seven. Ticket holders need not be present to win. The auction offers a creative selection of prizes including an in-home performance by famed operatic soprano Madelene Capelle, residential dinner prepared by a professional chef, a performance by Monuments Trio, tickets to downtown and Strip shows, an autographed video performance by the late Luciano Pavarotti, gift certificates to Lindo Michoachan and more.

Spann is an extraordinary jazz singer who ventures into rock and other musical genres with her band, which includes Woody Woods on piano; John Wedemeyer, guitar; Chris Gordon, bass; and Joel Richman, drums. She has appeared at the last two Starlight and Strings concerts.

The concert benefits the Friends of Winchester Park, which provide support for the park, center and its programs. The Desert Demonstration Garden was built by the organization in two phases over an eight-year

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time period. Tickets are \$20, general admission, and \$15 for seniors, students and members of the jazz and guitar societies.

Those interested in either concert can call the Winchester Cultural Center at 455-7340. Tickets and additional information can be found online at www.accessclarkcounty.com/parks.

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