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COS Music Department to Present Spring Concerts

Weed /COS - The COS Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, and Vocal Jazz Band and Jazz Ensemble will present end of the spring semester concerts in May. COS Music Department faculty Ron Slabbinck and David Blink will conduct the concerts in May. The spring 2018 concert schedule is:

- **COS Jazz Concert featuring the Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz Ensemble** – Sunday, May 6 at 3 p.m. in the COS Theater and Monday, May 7 at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Yreka.
- **Folk Songs and Spirituals featuring the Concert Band, Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, and Siskiyou Schola Cantorum:** Friday, May 11 at 7 p.m. in the COS Theater and Monday, May 14 at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Yreka.
- **COS Student Recital** – Tuesday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the COS Theater.
- **COS Chamber Music Concert** – Thursday, May 24 at 7 p.m. at the POPS Performing Arts and Cultural Center in Dunsmuir.

Ron Slabbinck, who is completing his fourth year of instruction at COS, has a Doctoral degree from St. Mary's College, Master of Music degree with emphasis in Conducting from California State University, Sacramento, and is a Doctoral Candidate at St. Mary's College, Moraga. He came to COS after spending 12 years at Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento as the Director of Media, Visual and Performing Arts and Choral Director. In addition, Slabbinck has adjudicated festivals and choral competitions throughout the Midwestern United States. Slabbinck will conduct the Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz Ensemble and Choir Concerts.

David Blink holds a Master's degree in Music Composition from Central Washington University. He also has a Bachelor's degree in Applied Music with an emphasis in Jazz from University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Blink most recently completed a sabbatical in Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico where he created a Latin Jazz Big Band at the Conservatorio de las Rosas (oldest conservatory in Latin America), and also taught a course in Jazz Composition-Arranging and was a guest trumpet lecturer. Prior to his sabbatical,

he was a full-time tenured faculty member at Yakima Valley Community College where he held the position of Director of Instrumental Music and Jazz Studies for over ten years.

Tickets for the concerts are \$10 general admission and \$5 students/seniors and may be purchased from the Theater Box Office prior to each performance. For information about the concerts call the COS Public Relations Office at the Weed Campus (530) 938-5373.