

Cal-State Monterey University and the Monterey Jazz Festival Partnership

**Monterey Jazz Festival and CSUMB Enter Ongoing
Educational Partnership in 2018**

**Monterey Jazz Festival Artist-in-Residence to Appear
in New Annual Concert and Lecture Series**

**Tia Fuller and Marcie Chapa appear at CSUMB on
March 5 to Kick Off New Program**

Monterey, California, January 30, 2018; Monterey Jazz Festival and California State University, Monterey Bay announce a new partnership starting this year.

To launch the partnership the University will host the world renowned saxophonist, composer and educator Tia Fuller, one of the Monterey Jazz Festival's 2018 Artists-in-Residence. Tia will conduct a Master Class for the Music Department, followed by a public program entitled "From Beyoncé and

Beyond: Music Business, Performance and Leadership.” The program will present an in-depth discussion of Fuller’s first-hand experience being a side woman on Beyoncé’s world tours, with other bandleaders, and how this experience has led to her success in the jazz world as a bandleader, performer, businesswoman and Professor at Berklee College of Music. For more information on Fuller, please visit TiaFuller.com.

The public lecture/concert will take place Monday, March 5, 2018 at CSUMB’s World Theater at 8pm, located at 5260 6th Ave. in Seaside. General admission is \$25. Students are free. Visit csumb.edu/worldtheater for more information.

Marcie Chapa, a Latina percussionist, will join Tia Fuller on stage for the public performance. Chapa also performed with Fuller as a touring member of Beyoncé’s ensemble, and is now directing the band and drumline at North Monterey County High School. Marcie previously taught alongside the Monterey Jazz Festival’s Education Director Paul Contos in a special program for at-risk youth at Glen Deven Ranch in Big Sur in 2013. For more information on Marcie Chapa, please visit MarcieChapa.com.

This unique and creative partnership is made possible by a generous gift from Dr. Robert Danziger and his wife, Dr. Martha Drexler Lynn. Dr. Danziger was the first recipient of a Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts for Music from CSUMB (2011). The Honorary Doctorate was also awarded for Invention, and Pioneering Sustainable Energy.

Dr. Lynn is a member of the CSUMB Arts Committee and has written seven notable books that appear in major libraries around the world.

Dr. Danziger and Dr. Lynn are supporting this annual partnership with cash gifts during their lifetime and with a legacy gift.

“Martha and I strongly believe in the values of both the Monterey Jazz Festival

and CSUMB, who engage every part of our community to build excellence and unity. Through them we can share cultures, friendship, and enjoy a broad range of music played by musicians/educators of extraordinary talent. The Monterey Jazz Festival is a glimpse of America the way it should be. And I have learned from personal experience, that years of training to improvise teaches skills essential to pioneering solutions where there is no roadmap to success. Jazz teaches you that.” For more information visit BobDanziger.com.

“CSUMB and the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences are honored by the generous support of Bob and Martha, which will enable us to host world-class performers on campus in partnership with the Monterey Jazz Festival,” said Ilene Feinman, Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. “Bringing together faculty, students and performing artists is one more way that CSUMB is working to engage our local treasures like the Jazz Festival and enrich our students’ education.”

“We are so thrilled to be able to build an enduring partnership with CSUMB that will cultivate a new audience for jazz and enhance the arts landscape in Monterey County,” said Colleen Bailey, Monterey Jazz Festival Executive Director. “I am grateful to Bob and Martha and the leadership at CSUMB for their shared vision and commitment to this partnership.”

The CSUMB event will launch a week of jazz education activities leading up to the 48th Annual Next Generation Jazz Festival, taking place Friday-Sunday,

March 9-11, 2018 at the Monterey Conference Center and at venues throughout downtown Monterey. The 61st annual Monterey Jazz Festival will be held from September 21st to 23rd.

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