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**LOS ANGELES PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WRAP UP A YEAR
OF JAZZ INSTRUCTION WITH A CONCERT AT THE JAZZ BAKERY
FEATURING RENOWNED SAXOPHONIST TOM SCOTT**

LOS ANGELES—Dozens of high school and middle school jazz bands will perform classic tunes by the legendary jazz pianist and composer Thelonious Monk at a special year-end concert presented on Sunday, June 11 by the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz. The concert will feature jazz ensembles from five schools throughout Los Angeles County. Students of the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz Performance at USC along with guest jazz saxophonist Tom Scott will join the student performers. The concert will be held at The Jazz Bakery in Culver City (3233 Helms Avenue) from 2 pm to 4 pm.

In conjunction with the Los Angeles Unified School District-Beyond Bell program, the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz will host the third annual concert to culminate a year of after-school jazz education programming held at Washington Preparatory High School, Eagle Rock High School, North Hollywood High School, Walter Reed Middle Schools and Pacoima Middle School.

The Institute's worldwide, highly regarded Jazz in the Classroom programs are tailored for elementary school, middle school, high school and college level students to help develop an understanding and appreciation of jazz music. The programs strive to share the positive aspects of jazz with young people who would otherwise not have the opportunity to learn about this great national treasure.

The Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz (www.monkinstitute.org) has responded to drastic reductions in public funding for music education by developing Jazz in the Classroom. The goal is to help children develop imaginative thinking, creativity, curiosity, a positive self-image and a respect for their own and others' cultural heritage.

The concert is free and open to the public.

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