

Musicians to perform at 'Jazz All-Stars'

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For a century, Settlement Music School has been preparing outstanding musicians and vocalists for international careers. The venerable music conservatory will be well represented when 20 accomplished alumnae and faculty members perform in Settlement Music School's "Jazz All-Stars," to be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov 16, at Independence Seaport Museum, located on Penn's Landing.

The concert, directed by big band leader and baritone saxophonist Joe Sudler, is part of Settlement's Centennial Celebration, and will feature Grammy winners Wallace Roney (trumpet) and bassist Leonard "Hub" Hubbard, formerly of The Roots.

"Settlement came to me because they knew I had an association with the big band situation for a few years now, and had done things for Settlement years

ago," said Joe Sudler, director of the big band, Joe Sudler's Swing Machine.

The impressive roster of all-stars coming together to honor their school also includes George Allen Jr. (trombone); John Blake (jazz violin); Tony DeSantis (trumpet); Duane Eubanks (trumpet); Craig McIver (drums); Dave Posmontier (piano); Jaleel Shaw (alto saxophone); Matt Gallagher (trumpet); David Gibson (drums); Bob Howell (tenor saxophone); Randy Kilpatrick (trombone); Kevin MacConnell (bass); John Simon (tenor saxophone); Wayne Smith (trombone); Louis Taylor (alto saxophone); Sumi Tonooka (piano) and Jose Vidal (trombone).

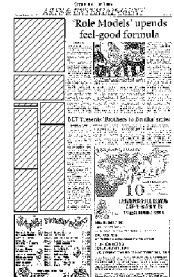
The program, which Sudler anticipates will last approximately 90 minutes, will showcase the All-Stars as a unit, as well as highlight various ensembles, and the repertoire will include "You Got It," (Frank

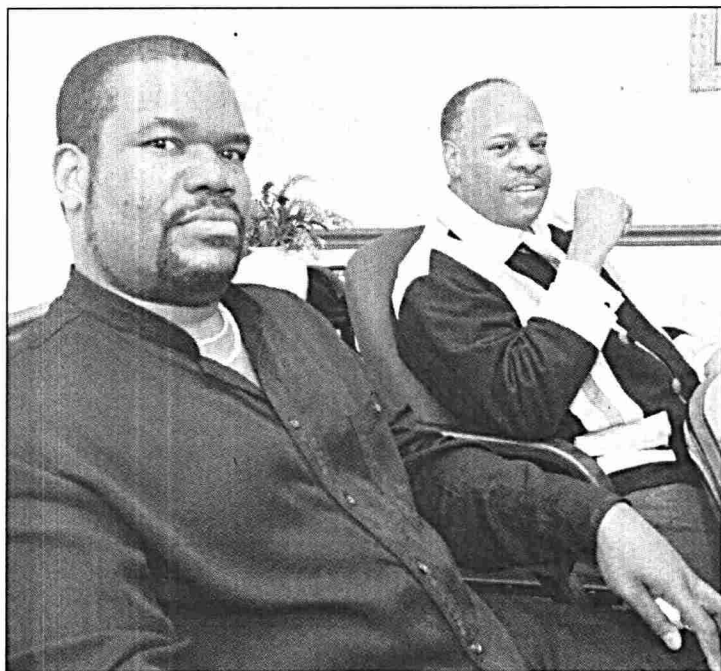
Foster), "Intimacy of the Blues" (Billy Strayhorn), "Love for Sale (Cole Porter/Buddy Rich) and "Stolen Moments (Oliver Nelson).

"It's a rare opportunity for [the audience] to hear all these great musicians in a big band format, which is few and far between, because nobody's ever done it that much," said Sudler.

Hubbard believes that the event will be equally enjoyable for the musicians, saying, "The whole thing of music is the sense of camaraderie. Not only are the people going to be seeing these stellar musicians together, but these musicians are going to be seeing their friends that they haven't seen in 10 or 15 years, and haven't played along with that individual — maybe ever, because everybody has to go off and do their own gigs. So just playing along with your friends and buddies, there's going to be an energy happening with the ensemble."

Tickets for Settlement Music School's "Jazz All-Stars" are \$20, and free to all Settlement students and faculty. Admission includes a post-concert reception with the artists. For tickets and information call (215) 320-2686 or visit www.smsmusic.org/calendar.





Former bassist of The Roots, Leonard "Hub" Hubbard, left, and musical director Joe Sudler are photographed at The Philadelphia Tribune on Oct. 30. - HIROKO TANAKA/TRIBUNE STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER