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**FHS FALL JAZZ CONCERT
FEATURES GUEST ARTIST**

KURT BACHER

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2008
7:00 PM**

Kurt Bacher, Foxboro native and 2000 Foxboro High School graduate, is the special guest artist at the annual Foxboro High School Fall Jazz Concert at 7 pm on Thursday, November 13, 2008. Steve Massey, Director of Music for the Foxboro Public Schools, states: "Kurt is a musician of great personal depth. He brings sophistication, sensitivity, expressiveness, historic awareness, and a rich and vibrant aesthetic palette of sounds to all of the music he writes and plays. He is indeed a very fine artist! We are honored to have him interact with our students." The concert also features the award-winning Foxboro High School Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab Band, Jazz Choir, and Small Jazz Choir. Tickets are available at the door, and are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors.

One of Foxboro's Own: Kurt Bacher is a talented 'reed doubler' and music educator, with tremendous skills on all saxophones, flutes, clarinets, the oboe and English horn. He is also a gifted composer and arranger. After leaving Foxboro, he received his Bachelor in Music in Composition from the Manhattan School of Music, and is currently pursuing his Masters in Music there. In 2000, Mr. Bacher composed an original extended piece for jazz orchestra, which had been commissioned by New York City's Commission Project. His jazz ballet, "*Four Point Three*", premiered in April 2001 at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall. Also a committed music educator, Mr. Bacher has taught saxophone, flute and clarinet privately for ten years, and has been on the faculty of the Foxboro Music Program's Summer Improvisation Workshop for seven years. He has also taught woodwind instruments in the New York City public schools through the New York Pops Education Program. As a guest artist, Mr. Bacher has performed and given master classes and clinics on the topics of jazz improvisation and saxophone playing throughout New England and the greater New York City area. He was the conductor for the 2005-2006 Massachusetts SE Jr. District Jazz Ensemble.

Mr. Bacher has performed in such diverse venues as the Village Vanguard, Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola, Birdland, Apollo Theater, Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, Symphony Hall in Boston, the

Kennedy Center, and on Broadway in several productions. He has played with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, the Wynton Marsalis Septet, the Artie Shaw Orchestra, Aretha Franklin, and Boz Scaggs, to name a few, and can be seen in the PBS documentary commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Newport Jazz Festival, as well as on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" performing with the "*Jersey Boys*" Band. His saxophone and various woodwinds can be heard on television commercials, jingles, and as samples on many pop and R&B recordings.

Award-winning high school jazz musicians: The November 13th concert will showcase the award-winning Foxboro High School Jazz Ensemble, one of the top high school jazz bands in the country. Also performing are the FHS Jazz Choir, the FHS Small Jazz Choir and FHS Jazz Lab Band. The performance will feature works by jazz greats, including Duke Ellington, Pat Metheny, Charles Mingus, Stevie Wonder, Kurt Weil, and Billy Stayhorn.

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