

Florian Schantz Jazz Combo To Perform at Breakfast

WESTFIELD—The Florian Schantz Jazz Combo will perform on Saturday, March 2, from 8 – 8:30 a.m. at the Rotary Club of Westfield's Annual Pancake Breakfast to be held in the cafeteria at Westfield High School. The ensemble will feature Florian Schantz on three brass instruments, Cadillac Phil Rinaldi on trumpet, Benny Davis on trombone, Cory Ackerman on drums, Lowell Schantz on guitar and Margaret Schantz on Flugelhorn.

Florian first began studying the trumpet at the age of six with Dr. Ted Schlosberg at the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts Music Studio (NJWA). Right from the start, Dr. Schlosberg could see his phenomenal musical potential. "From the first time I was introduced to Florian, I realized that he had a very special gift. The longer we worked together, the more I saw this gift develop into a highly creative way which grew, over the years, to a tremendous talent for jazz," commented Dr. Schlosberg.

Florian began playing with the New Jersey Workshop for The Arts Rockin' Jazz Band when he was only eight years old. To further his skills, he commenced jazz-specific training with professional musician Cadillac Phil Rinaldi, who is also a trumpet instructor at the Music Studio. Cadillac Phil stated, "[Florian] is a talent I have rarely experienced in my 18 years of being a music teacher. He makes everyone smile as he plays. I could not be more proud of him."

By the time he was nine, Florian appeared as a soloist for the first time in his own jazz band, the Florian Schantz



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Jazz Combo. His group has often been heard at Westfield's Spring Fling, Festifall and the Westfield Sweet Sounds Downtown Jazz Festival. The talented fifth grader, who is also proficient on the Flugelhorn and cornet, has an uncanny ability to improvise jazz music.

For further information about the Music Studio, or any program of the NJWA, visit the studios at 150-152 East Broad Street, Westfield, call (908) 789-9696 or visit www.njworkshopforthearts.com.

Antique Show Set for February 17

NEW CASTLE, Del. — The New Castle Winter Antique Show will take place on Sunday, February 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nur Shrine