Jazzlines is normally all about our guest artists. Thanks to Ryan Keberle's impressive Big Band Living Legacy Project, things are a little different this time around. More about that later. First things first...

**Ryan Keberle** is a very talented young trombonist based in New York, a gifted composer and accomplished educator (Director of Jazz Studies at Hunter College). As stated in his biography, "Few musicians have managed to negotiate the richly varied avenues of New York City's abundant music scene with the same passion and adaptability. Since his arrival in 1999, Keberle’s diverse talents have earned him a place alongside a staggering array of legends, superstars and up-and-coming innovators."

Ryan has performed in the ground-breaking big bands of Maria Schneider and Darcy James Argue, with Alicia Keys and Justing Timberlake, with Wynton Marsalis and Rufus Reid. He's been heard on numerous film soundtracks and regularly subs for Steve Turre in the Saturday Night Live band. Ryan is a very talented young trombonist based in New York, a gifted composer and accomplished educator (Director of Jazz Studies at Hunter College).

For this, our 39th Annual Winter Carnival concert, we are focusing on some of the greatest big band music of the 20th century, thanks to Ryan Keberle's Big Band Living Legacy Project. Ryan dreamed about doing this for years, and it finally happened in 2014. As Keberle states, “The purpose of this project is to celebrate, present and carry on the rich musical language of big band jazz.” Ryan performed this repertoire in New York with original members of such classic big bands as Count Basie, Woody Herman, Buddy Rich and Benny Goodman. When I heard about that concert and read a review, I knew immediately that this repertoire was what we should perform for Winter Carnival.

I guarantee this concert will delight any and all of you who—like Keberle, Rodriguez, myself and the students in the Barbary Coast Jazz Ensemble—want to celebrate the rich heritage and musical language of big band jazz!

Here’s what's cooking:

- **Big Dipper.** From the master, Thad Jones (for the Thad Jones/Mel Lewis Orchestra).
- **Blue Skies.** Arranged by the gifted composer and pianist, Mary Lou Williams, for Duke Ellington.
- **Corner Pocket.** Ernie Wilkins’ beautiful arrangement of the Count Basie classic by Freddie Green.
- **Cottontail.** A masterclass in swing by Duke Ellington.
- **El Camino Real.** J.J. Johnson’s wonderful composition, as performed by J.J. and The Brass Orchestra.
- **Hello and Goodbye.** Bob Brookmeyer’s brilliant composition, written for and performed by Mel Lewis & the Kenton Orchestra.
- **Hoe Down.** What would any self-respecting big band concert be without this barn-burner by Oliver Nelson...
- **I Like the Sunrise.** Part of Ellington’s Liberian Suite, this lovely ballad for big band and vocal, was sung, at different times, by Al Hibbler, Frank Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald with the Duke Ellington Orchestra. Our own talented vocalist, Tyné Freeman ’17, will sing this with us.
- **Intermission Riff.** Ray Wetzel’s driving, memorable theme song for the Stan Kenton Orchestra.
- **Just Waiting.** A beautiful ballad by the talented trombonist and composer/arranger, Melba Liston.
- **King Porter Stomp.** Fletcher Henderson’s remarkable arrangement, as performed by Benny Goodman.
- **Summertime.** George Gershwin’s standard, seen through the shimmering, transparent lens of Gil Evans’ breathtaking arrangement for Miles Davis.
- **Walkin’ Shoes.** Composed and arranged by Gerry Mulligan for the Stan Kenton Orchestra.

"With this kind of material, you just sit and sway in your seat and take it all in, grateful you live in an era where people still play this kind of music—and pass it on to another generation." New York Music Daily

Please join us at 8 pm on Saturday, February 7 in Spaulding, for our 39th Annual Winter Carnival Concert, featuring guest artists Ryan Keberle and Michael Rodriguez with the Barbary Coast Jazz Ensemble, as we perform some of the greatest big band music of the 20th century. Hear here!

Don Glasgo
Director

For more information about our guest artists, please visit: ryankeberle.com, rodbrosmusic.com