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'Jazz at the Pollock' Faculty Concert Featuring Dan Waddell and Anthony Fesmire

PALM DESERT, CA—College of the Desert announces the first faculty concert of the 2016-2017 "Jazz at the Pollock" season. Pianist, Dan Waddell, and guitarist, Anthony Fesmire, will perform a selection of original compositions and jazz standards in trios and quartets on October 7, at 7 p.m. in the Pollock Theatre. The concert is free and open to the public with a suggested donation of \$5 for students and \$10 for the general public.

Guitarist, composer, and Professor of Music, Anthony Fesmire, D.A. is the founder of the Jazz Studies program at College of the Desert and teaches jazz combos, music theory, and guitar. He recently released his second album, *Reclaimed*, with the modern jazz group Outside Pedestrian.

Pianist and arranger Dan Waddell has taught at COD for 26 years. Dan holds a Master of Music from the University of Arizona where he taught piano after receiving his degree. Comfortable in both the classics and jazz, Waddell's career includes performance in both. Prior to moving to the Valley, he was Music Director for Holland America and Sitmar (now Princess), and concert pianist for Seaborn cruise lines.

Fesmire and Waddell will be joined by bassist David Lockeretz and drummer David Oromaner.

Each season, the *Jazz at the Pollock* series presents faculty, student, and guest artist concerts that take advantage of the intimacy of the college's Pollock Theatre and showcases the Jazz Studies program at College of the Desert.

Mark your calendars now for our next *Jazz at the Pollock* concert scheduled for November 4, featuring guest artist, pianist Ron Kobayashi and his trio.

About College of the Desert's Music Program:

The College of the Desert Music Department offers a comprehensive music major program leading to an AA degree with guaranteed transfer to the California State University system. Areas of concentration are offered in both traditional and jazz studies. Ensembles offered at College of the Desert include Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Jazz Combos, Chamber Singers, and Jazz Singers. In addition to the AA, COD offers certificates in Musical Theatre and Music Technology.

For more information about the college's music program, contact COD Music Professor Anthony Fesmire, D.A. (instrumental) at afesmire@collegeofthedesert.edu, or COD Music Professor Darlene Romano, D.M.A. (vocal) at dromano@collegeofthedesert.edu.

About College of the Desert:

Established in 1958, College of the Desert (COD), located in Palm Desert, is an accredited community college serving eastern Riverside County, California. The College leads the region in providing quality, higher education, technical training and lifelong learning opportunities, in response to the dynamic needs of our diverse community. The College serves more than 14,000 credit students and 1,000 non-credit students each year and is the number one source of transfer students to California State University, San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus. For more information, visit www.collegeofthedesert.edu.

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