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## **'Jazz at the Pollock' Guest Artist Concert To Feature Bassist Lorin Cohen**

**PALM DESERT, CA** — College of the Desert's "Jazz at the Pollock" series welcomes bassist and composer Lorin Cohen, who will perform a concert of originals and jazz standards at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, in the Pollock Theatre. Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$5 for students, \$10 for public.

Lorin Cohen has been called "superb" by the Chicago Sun-Times. Howard Reich of the Chicago Tribune has described his playing as "ultra-versatile," "poetic" and fueled by "relentless invention." A bassist and composer of profound imagination, soulfulness and fire, Cohen's joyful musical spirit and swinging beat have touched audiences throughout North America, Europe, Asia, Africa, South America and the Middle East.

Originally from Chicago, Cohen has shared the stage and his talents with numerous jazz luminaries, including Monty Alexander (with whom he toured and recorded for seven years), Ryan Cohan, Joe Locke, Geoffrey Keezer, Victor Lewis, Stefon Harris, Michael Weiss, Houston Person, Bucky Pizzarelli, Cyrille Aimee, Jon Davis, Jeremy Pelt, Jim Ridl, Paul Bollenback, Roni Ben-Hur, and Clarence Penn. Cohen's latest album, titled "Home," is available from Origin Records.

Lorin Cohen will be joined by Professor of Music Anthony Fesmire, D.A., on guitar; Reed Gratz, D.M.A., on piano; Adjunct Faculty member Carl Rigoli on vibraphone; and David Oromaner on drums. This concert is made possible through the Carol G. Meier Visiting Artist Fund.

Each season, the "Jazz at the Pollock" series will present faculty, student and guest artist concerts that take advantage of the intimacy of the College's Pollock Theatre and showcase the Jazz Studies program at College of the Desert.

Mark your calendars now for future "Jazz at the Pollock" concerts scheduled for April 6, featuring COD Professor of Music Anthony Fesmire; and May 15, featuring the Jazz Combo students directed by Fesmire.

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**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-T 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-T, 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](mailto:afesmire@collegeofthedesert.edu), or COD Music Professor Darlene Romano, D.M.A. (vocal), at [dromano@collegeofthedesert.edu](mailto: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 15,000 each year and is the number one source of transfer students to California State University, San Bernardino's Palm Desert Campus. For more information, visit [www.collegeofthedesert.edu](http://www.collegeofthedesert.edu).

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