



News Release

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Event: Cuesta College Vocal Jazz Festival Concert

Date: Friday, November 2 at 8 p.m.

Place: Cuesta College Student Conference Center

Cost: \$15 for adults and \$12 for students, seniors and Jazz Fed members

Jazz Divas to Perform at Vocal Jazz Festival Concert

Cuesta College will feature five female jazz performers at the Vocal Jazz Festival Concert on Friday, November 2.

Los Angeles-based Kristin Korb, Michele Weir, Jamie Shew, Suzanne Morissette and local favorite Inga Swearingen will comprise the all-female lineup at the music festival.

Vocalist and pianist **Michele Weir** is a faculty member at UCLA and a former member of the Grammy-nominated group "Phil Mattson and the p.m. Singers." Her compositions have been performed across the country and in 1998 she served as the music supervisor for the foreign language dubs of the film "Prince of Egypt."

Inga Swearingen began her graduate studies in Switzerland with Susanne Abbuehl and earned her master's degree in choral conducting from Florida State University. She was the first to win the Shure Jazz Voice competition at the Montreux Jazz Festival and has performed several times on the NPR broadcast "A Prairie Home Companion."

Jazz vocalist **Jamie Shew** earned a graduate degree in Vocal Performance/Jazz Studies at Western Michigan University. She recently finished recording her debut album, "The Answers Are You," and works as the Director of Vocal Jazz Studies at Fullerton College.

Suzanne Morissette enhanced her musical talents on the drums, percussion, tympani, vibraphone, marimba and xylophone at the Conservatory of Music in Quebec.

Kristin Korb is an accomplished bassist and singer. Her latest project, "Why Can't You Behave?" focuses on facets of acting, functioning and reacting to life and conformity.

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