

Trojan News Center

Vocal Jazz Invitational set for March 23 in Troy

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TROY - Students from three area high schools and Wallace Community College will be present when Troy University and the John M. Long School of Music present the third annual Vocal Jazz Invitational on March 23.

The event allows students to participate in clinics by internationally acclaimed performer and clinician Matt Falker, a member of professional jazz groups True North and the Matt Falker Quartet.

Falker will be working on March 22 with the Troy University Vocal Jazz group, "frequency," and will provide vocal jazz/contemporary music clinics to more than 160 high school and community college students on March 23.

This event is partially supported by the Jazz Education Network and the Herb Albert Foundation.

Schools attending the event include:

- Dothan High School
- Northview High School
- Oxford High School
- Wallace Community College

Falker is on the full-time faculty at MiraCosta College in Oceanside, Calif. He is also the founder and director of the Oceanside Jazz Festival and the vocal jazz instructor for the Monterey Jazz Festival Summer Camp. In 2015, Falker was one of a select group of teachers chosen as a quarterfinalist for the Grammy Music Educator Award. His vocal arrangements are published by Sound Music Publications, UNC Jazz Press and MatFal Music, and his CDs "Playpen" and "Voyage" are available on iTunes and CD Baby.