

John Paulson Big Band to Perform March 4 at the Sheldon Theatre in Red Wing

The 17 piece John Paulson Big Band will perform a concert at the Sheldon Theatre in Red Wing, MN March 4th at 7:00 pm. Opening for them will be the Red Wing High School Jazz Lab Band directed by Dan Marrs. The concert is the culmination of a two-day artist residency supported by a grant from the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council. The grant allows Dr. John Paulson to work directly with Red Wing high school's numerous jazz students for two days leading up to the concert. Trumpeter Adam Meckler and percussionist Dr. Rich MacDonald will join in on concert day to add their insights leading up to their performance at the Sheldon Theatre that evening. This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

The John Paulson Big Band has been performing concerts regionally since 2012. Their most recent venture was a performance at the national jazz educators' convention (JEN) January 7th 2016 in Louisville, Kentucky. Their music is an exciting mix of contemporary blues, Latin, ballads, funk and swing composed and arranged by John Paulson. The group features some of the best jazz soloists in the area including Adam Meckler, the astounding young Twin-Cities trumpeter, composer and arranger and recent DMA graduate from the U. of M., Scott Agster on trombone plus Scott Gerry- hot new guitarist on the Twin-Cities scene. The group's CD is available on iTunes, and cdBaby.com plus streaming sites like Apple Music, Spotify, and many others. All of the charts from the big band project are published world wide from ejazzlines.com and walrusmusic.com in New York.

John Paulson started his musical journey in Rochester, MN playing in area rock bands and participating in school music groups. He migrated west and got his B.M and M.M from the University of Utah and his DMA in music ed. from the University of Washington. As a freelance artist, Paulson has performed with The Cab Calloway Orchestra, Mel Torme, Andy Williams, Bob Hope, The Temptations, Johnny Mathis, The Pioneer Memorial and Repertory Dance Theatres in Salt Lake City and most recently, the Manhattan Dolls. In the last 20 years, he has produced six commercial jazz CD's and done 5 Master class CD's for the Saxophone Journal. After 35 years of full time teaching, John Paulson is now professor emeritus at Saint Mary's University in Winona, MN and teaches jazz studies part time at Winona State University. He's a member of ASCAP, The American Composers Forum, JEN (Jazz Educators Network) and he is an official artist endorser of Jody Jazz sax mouthpieces and accessories. For more information visit his website at: www.paulsonjazz.com

The Sheldon Theatre is located at 443 West Third St. Red Wing, MN
*Tickets are \$22.50 (adults) or \$13.50 (students) see www.sheldontheatre.org
or call 651-388-8700 or 1-800-899-5759 to make a reservation.*