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John Paulson Big Band –
One Night only at the Winona County History Center January 17, 2017

Attention all jazz fans! John Paulson's Big Band returns to Winona, MN Saturday, January 21 for a special performance at the fantastic Winona County History Center. They will be performing two different sets of all original music by tenor saxophonist, composer and musical director Dr. John Paulson. The group includes some of the best jazz players and teachers in the region and highlights their exceptional soloing skills. In 2016, the band performed at the Sheldon Theatre in Red Wing, MN and at the Jazz Educators' national convention in Louisville, KY. Paulson taught jazz and woodwinds at Saint Mary's University for over 30 years and he is currently an adjunct instructor at Winona State University. There is no cover charge for the concert but donations will be split between the History Center and the band to offset expenses. Sets are at 7:00 and 8:30 pm and the doors open at 6:30 with a cash bar available. Arrive early because seating will be limited.

The 17 piece John Paulson Big Band began in the fall of 2012 when they blew the roof off the Winona Art Center with their sold out opening concert. The band is the realization of a long time dream by composer, bandleader, and well know jazz educator Dr. John Paulson. The dream became a reality with the assistance of a generous grant from the McKnight Foundation allowing Paulson to assemble a group of excellent section players augmented by a handful of stellar soloists. A year later, after several concerts and more recording, they released the "John Paulson Big Band" CD and DVD documenting the music. They are unique in that they perform only original big band jazz composed and arranged by musical director John Paulson. The music is an exciting mix of contemporary blues, Latin, ballads, funk and swing with plenty of solo space for the players. The group's CD is now available on iTunes, and cdBaby.com plus streaming sites like Apple Music, Spotify, and many others. Several tracks have recently been approved for streaming on Pandora and will be available soon. All of the charts from the big band project are now published world wide by ejazzlines.com and walrusmusic.com in New York

The Winona County History Center is located in downtown Winona at 160 Johnson St. Phone 507.454.2723. Visit <http://winonahistory2014.weebly.com> or www.paulsonjazz.com for more information.

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JPBB trombones November 2012 at the Winona Art Center
(L-R) John Sievers (Rochester, MN) Scott Agster (Mpls, MN) Eric Heukeshoven (Winona, MN) Tom Nallie (Winona, MN)