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**El Cerrito High School To Host 6th Annual Jazz Festival,
Featuring Eric Harland Quartet**

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On **February 1, 2020**, the El Cerrito High School Band Program will host the 6th annual El Cerrito Jazz Festival (ECJF) featuring high school jazz programs from throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. Sponsored by the California Jazz Conservatory, World Projects, JW Pepper, and Spin Recruitment Advertising the event will be headlined by the nationally acclaimed jazz drummer Eric Harland with Ben Wendel, James Francies, and Giulio Xavier Cetto.

The festival will take place in the El Cerrito High School Performing Arts Center located at 540 Ashbury Avenue in El Cerrito, CA beginning at 8:00am.

The El Cerrito Jazz Festival will include master classes, clinics, concerts, and adjudicated performances. Festival adjudicators and clinicians include trumpeter and Grammy Award-winning composer John Daversa from the University of Miami, saxophonist Mary Fettig from the San Francisco Conservatory, pianist Dana Landry from the University of Northern Colorado, Grammy Award-winning saxophonist Aaron Lington from San Jose State University.

Participating schools include Acalanes, Albany, Amador Valley, Berkeley, Buchanan, El Cerrito, Folsom, Livermore, and Woodcreek high schools as well as Marin School and Oakland School of the Arts. The afternoon concert will feature the San José State University Jazz Orchestra.

The festival's culminating event will be the evening concert starting at 7:00pm with Eric Harland Quartet featuring Ben Wendel (saxophone), James Francies (piano), and Giulio Xavier Cetto (bass). At age 40, he has appeared on almost 400 recordings and multiple film. Eric has been recognized in the Boston Globe, New York Times, JazzTimes, Modern Drummer, All About Jazz, The New Yorker, DownBeat, L'uomo Vogue and other prominent publications.

Harland has performed with jazz masters such as Betty Carter, Joe Henderson, MyCoy Tyner, Michael Brecker, Terence Blanchard, Branford and Wynton Marsalis, Wayne Shorter, Savion Glover, SFJAZZ Collective and many others, as well as today's up and coming artists like Esperanza Spalding, Jane Monheit, Taylor Eigsti, Julian Lage, Stacie Orrico, and Robert Glasper among others. His current list of performing groups are "JAMES FARM" with Joshua Redman, "PRISM" with Dave Holland and Kevin Eubanks, "SANGAM" with Charles Lloyd and Zakir Hussain, "Charles Lloyd New Quartet", "OVERTONE" with Dave Holland, Jason Moran, Chris Potter and "VOYAGER" Eric's own widely recognized group.

All festival performances and concerts are open to the public. Tickets for daytime activities will be available at the ECHS Performing Arts Theater throughout the day for \$15. Tickets for the Chris Potter concert at 7:00pm are available for \$25 online at www.echsbands.com/festival.

A full schedule of events is posted online at www.echsbands.com/festival.

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