KTSU Celebrates April Jazz Appreciation Month

TSU’s Radio Station, KTSU – 90.9 FM invites the TSU family, Community and KTSU listeners to support KTSU sponsored jazz events, Houston jazz venues and local jazz musicians as they celebrate April as Jazz Appreciation Month with a Kick-Off featuring the KTSU “Next Generation Jazz Jam.” Jazz Appreciation Month is a national event that pays tribute to jazz as both an historic and living art form. Jazz Appreciation Month was initiated by the Smithsonian National Museum of American History.

Three outstanding young jazz groups will take turns performing live in the KTSU recording studio every Saturday during the month of April from 3PM to 4PM. The groups slated to perform are as follows:

- The HSPVA Jazz Ensemble, April 10th
- Giant Steps, April 17th
- Caliente (Combo from the Diaz Music Institute) April 24th

The station will also feature its own annual community outreach event “A Choice Evening of Jazz” every Thursday 6PM until 10PM at Cafe 4212. This event is free and open to the public, featuring some of Houston’s finest jazz musicians and jazz groups. The station will also Feature a community jam session in front of the MLK Building on the campus of TSU April 16th 11:30 until 1:30.

All local professional jazz musicians are invited to participate. The station will also broadcast special jazz programming during the month of April to celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month. For additional information call 713-313-7591.

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