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The Jazz Loft Big Band to Perform with Special Guests Rich DeRosa & Warren Vaché on May 18

Stony Brook, NY-The Jazz Loft Big Band will be backed by two very special performers on Saturday, May 18 at 7 p.m. when Jazz composer and arranger Rich DeRosa will be conducting the band, with trumpeter [Warren Vaché](#) performing.

The 17-piece Jazz Loft Big Band will be highlighting compositions by DeRosa and he will also provide the some of his arrangements.

DeRosa is the Director of Jazz Composition, University of North Texas. He received a Grammy nomination for Best Instrumental Composition in 2015 for his big band composition “Neil” which is dedicated to Neil Slater: the director of the One O’Clock Lab Band at the University of North Texas from 1981-2008. Since 2001 DeRosa has arranged and conducted music for Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra to feature Toots Thielemans, Annie Ross, Willie Nelson, Norah Jones, Cassandra Wilson, Roberta Gambarini, and Renée Fleming among several other notable artists. He was a prime arranger for the theater project (*A Bed and a Chair*) featuring the music of Stephen Sondheim and created an arrangement of *Between The Devil and the Deep Blue Sea* for the swing jazz Broadway

show *After Midnight*. Mr. DeRosa was also a featured arranger for the *Wynton with Strings* concert celebration in 2005. His most recent project as a featured conductor and arranger for the LCJO was *Bernstein at 100* which premiered in November of 2017. In October, 2018, Mr. DeRosa was the featured conductor and arranger for the concert productions of *Joey Alexander with Strings* which also premiered at Jazz at Lincoln Center.

Vaché is a supremely accomplished, versatile and rare performer. He has been astounding audiences worldwide for decades with his superb cornet, trumpet and flugelhorn stylings. He has performed and recorded with such luminaries as: Benny Goodman, Rosemary Clooney, Benny Carter, Hank Jones, Gerry Mulligan, Woody Herman, Ruby Braff and Bobby Short to name but a few. He can also be found in the company of such leading contemporaries as: Phil Woods, Jon Faddis, Terrell Stafford, Howard Alden, Jessie Davis, Alvin Queen, Brian Lemon, Tony Coe, Alan Barnes, Richard Wyands, Bill Charlap, Harry Allen, John Allred and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra.

The Jazz Loft is located at 275 Christina Avenue in Stony Brook. Tickets are Adults \$30; Seniors \$25; Students \$20; Children \$15
For tickets, visit: <https://www.thejazzloft.org/tickets>



Photo courtesy Rich DeRosa
Caption: Rich DeRosa



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Caption: Warren Vaché