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FORREST C. LAWSON, Trumpet

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Wednesday, July 2, 1980

All Faiths Chapel

8:00 p.m.

PROGRAM

INTERMISSION

Concerto in G Major Johann-Gottfried Walther
Preludio (1684-1748)
Allegro
Largo
Vivace
Aria
Vivace

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Presents

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assisted by
JOE GRABER, ALTO AND TENOR SAX
KEITH FERKAUFF, PIANO
MARTY PONTE, BASS
HARRELL BOSARGE, Drums

A MASTER'S LECTURE RECITAL
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Wednesday, April 16, 1980

All Faiths Chapel

8:00 p.m.

PROGRAM

JAZZ—ITS HISTORY AND ITS TRUMPET PLAYERS

I.	African Origins	
II.	BLUES—Twelve-Bar-Blues	Traditiona
III.	RAGTIME AND DIXIELAND	5 T t
	A. Maple Leaf Rag	(1868-1917)
	B. Muskrat Ramble	Kid Org
IV.	SWING ERA	(1716)
	A. Take the 'A' Train	Billy Strayborn
	Intermission	
V.	Вевор	
	A. Groovin' High	Dizzy Gillespio (Born 1917)
VI.	THE FIFTIES AND ON A. Summertime	George Gershwin
VII.	THE MUSICK IN THE	€ 7 5
	Masque of Comus Thom	as Augustine Arno

Brass Transcription by DR. PAUL SHULL,
Professor, Kansas State University
Jazz Combo Arrangement by FROSTY LAWSON

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AN ABSTRACT OF A MASTER'S REPORT

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Jazz evolved during a point in history when Americans were searching for their identity. Although its origins derived primarily from African rhythms and traditional European influences of form and structure, the seed was planted deep in the heart of this country and thus is recognized as a purely American idiom. The music produced was a reflection of the moods and beliefs of both the musicians who performed it and the audiences who listened to it.

Although the history of jazz is relatively young, its development occurred very rapidly. This was due to the profound effect that the art and the artist had upon each other. The exchange of ideas between musicians of various geographical locations is in debt to the technological developments in the recording industry, for without it the entire process would have undoubtedly taken much longer.

The content of this lecture covers six primary periods in the development of jazz. (1.) African origins: Complex African rhythms and specific vocal techniques played an important role in various jazz styles. (2.) Blues: The standardization of the blues form in the late nineteenth century enabled jazz to become recognized as a unique and separate idiom. (3.) Ragtime and Dixieland: The popularity of jazz grew rapidly during this period due to the white man's acceptance of a field dominated by blacks. (4.) Swing Era: The development of big bands and written-out arrangements suitable for dancing placed jazz in a commercial spotlight. (5.) Bebop: A need for more sophisticated harmonic, melodic, and rhythmic approaches resulted in this

period's subsequent development. The bebop musician strove to raise the status of jazz from dance music to art music. (6.) The Fifties and On: A proliferation of styles took place during this period with the development of such styles as cool, west and east coast jazz, and third stream jazz.

Many of the trumpet players during these historical periods contributed new stylistic developments and were symbolic in leader-ship and inspiration. Men such as Buddy Bolden, Joe King Oliver, Louis Armstrong, Bix Beiderbecke, Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, and Maynard Ferguson influenced musicians of all instruments. The music they played virtually controlled their lifestyle and was a reflect-tion of their most intimate feelings.

From the West African rhythms to the most avant-garde jazz music composed today, jazz has permeated society with a desire for self-expression, individuality, and fulfillment. Similar to artists of all other art forms, the jazz musician has been subjected to severe criticism and obtuse prejudice, but through faithful support from its performers and listeners, jazz has survived the onslaught and is thriving in countless countries throughout the world.