

Jazz band gets down for Halloween

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With one very smooth, soulful and very funky set list, the BC Jazz Ensemble and Combo played the final ringing notes of Halloween this last Tuesday to a jam-packed house in the Porter Center.

With interesting and exciting twists on classic jazz standards like "Autumn Leaves," a bluesy ballad passionately delivered by BC's own Blake Ellege "I Put a Spell on You," and soul-saturated stomps like Stevie Wonder's "Superstition," the songs truly speak for themselves.

Jazz Band Director Steve Wilson and the entire band have truly outdone themselves this time. Song after song, the audience was left in awe of what they had just heard.

One of the key points of the concert that made it so continually interesting and downright fun to watch were the amount of solos performed by various members of the band. The audience was repeatedly dazzled by multiple licks, solos and other such improvisations by talented trumpet and trombone players Zach Douglas and Tommy Spittle, the wildly artful baritone sax of Kyle Jackola, the alluringly smooth organ of Carter Stevens, the miraculously intricate drums of assistant conductor Jerard Sloan, and the tasty chops of guitarist Jamison Adams.

Not to be forgotten of course, there was the little matter of many an audience member and even the players themselves chose to wear

their oddest choices of dress that evening for the costume contest that took place at intermission. Kudos for winning with shall we say, a more than unique look, went to Jackola on the sax. Runners-up in were Dr. Laura "Cleopatra" Franklin in 2nd and a tie for 3rd between sophomore Olivia Fawcett and Professor Cameron Austin.

All in all, the night was a blatant example of the talent of BC's music department. All of the players played their parts, and they played them well. Congratulations to Professor Wilson, to sound technician Ryan Riordan for his excellent engineering of the show, and especially to the performers, who proved beyond a shred of a doubt that BC can play some jazz.

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To see a video from the costume contest.



Kyle Philip Jackola playing the sax.

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