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Bonita Unified Alumnus, Grammy-Winning Composer to Perform with BUSD Jazz Ensemble

WHAT: Bonita High School alumnus and Grammy Award-winning jazz composer Gordon Goodwin will return to support his high school music program – which helped launch his prolific music career – when he performs with his Big Phat Band at the Bonita Center for the Arts.

During the concert – which will benefit the San Dimas and La Verne Band Boosters – Goodwin will perform a set as a guest artist with Bonita Unified’s All-District Jazz Ensemble, featuring performers from the Bonita High School and San Dimas High School Jazz Ensembles, before he takes the stage for a full concert with his band.

The concert will also feature a tribute to the late Robin Snyder, the former Bonita High School band director who is credited with introducing jazz into high school music education and inspiring Gordon to pursue a career in music. Snyder died in January just before his 99th birthday.

WHEN: **Saturday, March 16**
6 p.m. Doors open
7 p.m. All-District band featuring Gordon Goodwin
7:30 p.m. Gordon Goodwin’s Big Phat Band

WHERE: Bonita Center for the Arts
822 W. Covina Blvd., San Dimas

DETAILS: Gordon, a saxophonist, keyboardist, composer and bandleader, organized Gordon Goodwin’s Big Phat Band in 2000. In addition to his work with his band, Gordon has worked as an orchestrator and conductor and arranger on various feature films, earning a Grammy Award for Best Instrumental Arrangement for his work on “The Incredibles.”

To purchase tickets, visit bonitacenterforthearts.com.

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