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**THE GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING JAZZ TRUMPETER
IRVIN MAYFIELD BRINGS HIS NEW ORLEANS JAZZ ORCHESTRA
TO ZELLERBACH HALL ON SATURDAY, MARCH 3, AT 8:00 P.M.**

BERKELEY, January 30, 2012—“A leading voice of the Crescent City’s modern jazz tradition” (*Detroit Free Press*), 34-year-old trumpeter, band leader and composer **Irvin Mayfield** brings his **New Orleans Jazz Orchestra** to Cal Performances on **Saturday, March 3, at 8:00 p.m.** in **Zellerbach Hall**. The concert will include original compositions by Mayfield as well as big band scores by **Duke Ellington** and **Count Basie**. Mayfield and his band have their roots deeply embedded in the music and culture of New Orleans. In addition to being a premier jazz ensemble, they are committed to jazz education and its role in the American identity. President Obama recently nominated Mayfield to the National Council on the Arts, the advisory board of the National Endowment for the Arts. The band, founded by Mayfield in 2002, won the 2010 Grammy Award *Best Large Jazz Ensemble* for its critically acclaimed CD *Book One*. The 18-piece orchestra includes jazz veterans such as **Victor Atkins** on piano, **Ed “Sweetbread” Petersen** on saxophone and **Evan Christopher**. The program will be announced from the stage.

Irvin Mayfield got his first trumpet in the fourth grade and went on to graduate from the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts in 1995. He turned down a scholarship to the Juilliard School of Music to continue his studies at the University of New Orleans Jazz Studies program under the mentorship of Ellis Marsalis. He left school in 1997 to perform with his Irvin Mayfield Septet. With both Grammy and Billboard awards, his virtuosity and devotion to the music has made Mayfield one of the most recorded and admired jazz musicians of his generation. His most recent commissions include *The Elysian Fields Jazz Suite*, *All The Saints*, and the *Art of Passion*. He has recorded more than ten CDs for various record labels with and without his band.

In 2008, Mayfield established the New Orleans Jazz Institute at the University of New Orleans which has launched not only classes (some of which he teaches), but also a “Saturday Music School” for local elementary and high school students. Additional posts and accolades

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include his appointment as a cultural ambassador for the City of New Orleans, and the Chancellor's Award from the University of New Orleans.

More information about Mayfield, including his blog about education and the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra, can be found at irvinmayfield.com/.

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets for **Irvin Mayfield** and the **New Orleans Jazz Orchestra**, on **Saturday, March 3 at 8:00 p.m.** in Zellerbach Hall begin at **\$20.00**. Tickets are available through the Cal Performances Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall; at (510) 642-9988 to charge by phone; at www.calperformances.org; and at the door. Half-price tickets are available for purchase by UC Berkeley students. UC faculty and staff, senior citizens, other students and UC Alumni Association members receive a \$5 discount (Special Events excluded). For more information, call Cal Performances at (510) 642-9988, or visit the Cal Performances web site at www.calperformances.org.

For select performances, Cal Performances offers UCB student, faculty and staff, senior, and community rush tickets. Rush tickets are announced three hours prior to a performance and are available in person only at the Ticket Office beginning one hour before the performance; quantities may be limited. Rush ticket sales are limited to one ticket per person; all sales are cash only. Rush ticket prices are \$10.00 for UCB students; \$15.00 for UCB faculty and staff (UCB ID required) and seniors age 65 or older; and \$20.00 for all other community members. Information is available on Cal Performances' Facebook page and at 510-642-9988; press 2 for the rush hotline, three hours prior to a performance only.

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Saturday, March 3 at 8:00 p.m.

Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley Campus
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Jazz

New Orleans Jazz Orchestra

Irvin Mayfield, trumpet, bandleader, composer and arranger

Program: Trumpeter, composer and bandleader Irvin Mayfield heads the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra, performing original compositions by Mayfield and big band scores by Duke Ellington and Count Basie.

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