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San Antonio Jazz Group, The Bill King Quartet, Performing at the New Braunfels Public Library

New Braunfels, TX - Nationally acclaimed San Antonio Jazz group, The Bill King Quartet, will give a special performance at the New Braunfels Public Library on Tuesday, January 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the library's meeting room. The quartet's performance is their second at the library and marks the beginning of the 2016 Monthly Concert Series.

Bill King, a noted saxophonist, leads the Quartet and also The King William Jazz Collective, which performs locally in San Antonio jazz venues.

The concert Tuesday will be one hour in length, and will feature traditional jazz pieces by greats Dave Brubeck, Charlie Parker, Paul Desmond, and others. The group's lineup will include saxophone, piano, drums and upright bass. This concert will appeal to jazz aficionados, families with children, as well as anyone who has yet to experience the excitement and creativity of a live jazz performance.

"Bill King has had a brilliant career as a musician, and his jazz performances are very popular and entertaining. Their summer concert was attended by over 100 people," said Library Director, Gretchen Pruett. "They received a standing ovation and even played an encore. We think this show will be a great start to our 2016 Monthly Concert Series."

While serving in the United States Air Force, Mr. King performed as a woodwind specialist. During many of those years he was the music director of the jazz bands with the United States Air Force (USAF) Band of the Golden West, USAF Reserve Band, USAF in Europe Band and the USAF Band of the West. After retiring from the Air Force, King established himself by playing with some of the area's best bands including the San Antonio Jazz Orchestra, Gerry Gibb's Thrasher' Big Band, The Paul Elizondo Orchestra, The Mambo Kings and Henry Brun's Latin Players. His skill on a variety of woodwind instruments is on display in many of the "Broadway Across America" productions at the famous Majestic Theater in San Antonio. He is the founder and music director of the King William Jazz Collective, a 12 piece all-star band.

Over the years, Bill performed and recorded with many of the jazz greats, including Arturo Sandoval, Jon Faddis, the Manhattan Transfer, and others. In 2013-2014 he released two jazz albums: "Debut," by "The Bill King Quartet" and the self-titled "King William Jazz Collective" which attained #20 on the Jazz Week Charts and #5 on The Roots Music report, both of which are National radio airplay charts.

For more information about this event, call Public Service Librarian Ben Pensiero at 830-221-4325.

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