



Cool Kudos

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What if Denver's public schools didn't have any music? With any luck, that question will be moot as a result of efforts such as tonight's **DPS Music Education Benefit Jazz Concert**. More than twenty top artists who played in the Denver City Wide High School Jazz Combo from 1978 to 1987 will cut loose with their best chops for this youth benefit. They'll share a mix of originals and covers in styles from Latin fusion to swing and bebop, paying tribute to teacher/director and pianist Neil Bridge, who founded the combo.

"We've organized this event to reinforce the value of music education in public schools," says Bridge. "Music is a true expression of the human spirit, and it's vital that every student has the opportunity to experience it."

Money collected from the concert will help potential young instrumentalists get involved in music. The baton drops at 7:30 p.m. at the Denver School of the Arts, 7111 Montview Boulevard. Tickets are \$5 to \$10 in advance at 303-825-1116 or www.karenleedance.com, or \$7 to \$15 at the door. For more information, call 303-321-9435.