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Acclaimed Jazz Singer to Perform at TU Friday, Nov. 16 – 7:30 p.m. – Marion Center

TIFFIN UNIVERSITY, Tiffin, OH— Jazz vocalist and recording artist Sunny Wilkinson will appear in concert on Fri., Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m., in the Tiffin University Marion Center. The free program of classic standards and modern jazz will feature her all-star trio, led by Dr. Ron Newman, longtime director of jazz studies at Michigan State University, and featuring bassist Jeff Halsey and drummer Piedra Olman.

“This is a really special opportunity for our students and for lovers of great music,” said Brad Rees, TU’s Executive Director of Arts Programs. “Sunny is seriously one of the top jazz vocalists working today, and her performances are truly captivating. We are so lucky to have her on campus both for this free concert and to work with our music students.”

Earlier in the day, Sunny will be presenting a vocal jazz masterclass for Tiffin University music majors. This educational session begins at 3:30 p.m., and will also be held in the Marion Center.

Sunny has performed with The Count Basie Band, Rob McConnell and the Boss Brass, Mark Murphy, Milt Hinton, Kenny Wheeler, Clark Terry, Bill Watrous, Ron Carter, Curtis Fuller, Edgar Winter, and Gene Bertoncini, among others. A busy travel schedule has her presenting clinics and performances at universities and jazz festivals, as well as jazz clubs, across the United States.

While working as a performer, session singer and recording artist in Los Angeles, Sunny sang on the theme and in numerous episodes of “Saved By the Bell,” and was also a background vocalist on “Solid Gold”, backing Marilyn McCoo and Dionne Warwick both on screen and in the studio.

Sunny served on the jazz faculty at Michigan State University, Western Michigan University, Cal State Northridge, Fullerton College, and the Dick Grove School of Music, as well as teaching numerous private voice students. She has also served as the head of the International Jazz Educators Women's Caucus, leading the launch of the "Sisters In Jazz" mentoring program.

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Founded in 1888, TU has become a premier university for challenging students to enhance their global competencies for success in a diverse world. The University enrolls students in undergraduate and graduate degree programs in Tiffin, Ohio, at several locations in Ohio, online, and in several foreign countries. The campus at Tiffin is a blend of traditional historic and modern buildings, creating a vibrant and warm home for a culturally diverse educational community. Throughout its history, TU has maintained its dedication to providing a professionally focused, learning-centered education to prepare students for successful careers and for productive and satisfying lives of excellence, leadership, and service. Tiffin University's faculty offers a unique combination of practical application with scholarly knowledge. The TU approach to learning and skill set development insists on connecting students to the workplace as soon, and as often, as possible during their college experience through internships.

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