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Chuck Mangione to perform at Lake-Sumter

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Lake little sentinel

LEESBURG — Chuck Mangione, the jazz-rock musician who took the pop charts by storm with the instrumental "Feels So Good," will be the star attraction of a three-day jazz festival next month at Lake-Sumter Community College.

The Feb. 4-6 festival will be the third for the community college, and will include clinics for 15 college jazz bands by professional jazz musicians.

Mangione, a flugelhorn player whose jazz-rooted style with rock inflections makes him popular with fans of both types of music, will hold a clinic for high school and college musicians on Feb. 6.

He will close the festival with a concert in the Fine Arts Auditorium that night. Tickets, which are not yet available, will be \$7.50. All seats will be reserved.

The \$13,000 project is the culmination of nine months work by Bart Marantz, director of instrumental music at the community college.

Marantz had help from the National Endowment of the Arts and the Sun-First National Bank of Lake County, which donated \$5,000 and \$2,500 for the annual jazz festival.

The \$5,000 grant from the National Endowment of the Arts is 10 times larger than the grant the organization donated for last year's festival.

Marantz, also a flugelhorn player, said he considered Mangione the most exciting musician the festival could attract. Besides being an accomplished musician, Mangione has taught at the prestigious Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., his home base.

The festival will kick off Feb. 4 with a rehearsal of the Lake-Sumter orchestra and three guest instructors from the jazz department at the Uni-

versity of Miami; bassist Don Coffman, pianist Vince Lawrence, and woodwind player Dan Bonsanti.

The next day the college jazz bands will play for the guest instructors, who will critique individual performances.

Marantz stressed the evaluation was not competitive. "This is not a competition. It's an educational experience. It gives young musicians a chance to learn from the clinicians and grow from the experience."

The only competitive aspect of the festival will be the tryouts for the All-Star Jazz Band, which will be selected from the best musicians in the college bands.

The members of the all-star band will play with the guest instructors on the morning of Feb. 6. The Mangione clinic will be held that day from 2:30 to 5 p.m.; his concert is at 8:30 p.m.



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