



## Academy of Visual and Performing Arts At Culver City High School

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### AVPA Presents a Cool Evening of *All That Jazz*

*For immediate release:*

**Culver City – April 24, 2008:** The Culver City High School Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) presents an evening of jazz and original music on Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3. Performances will take place at 7 pm in the Sony Pictures Theatre inside the Robert Frost Auditorium at Culver City High School (4401 Elenda Street). Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 for students with ASB, children, seniors, and faculty/staff.



The AVPA's Pink Elephant Music Company will host *All That Jazz*, a production featuring the AVPA Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo. In addition, students in the music department of AVPA have worked throughout the school year on a second recording project, a follow-up to last year's "MY Generation" CD. Entitled "Reprise," this year's edition features many original songs along with bluegrass and pop standards. The debut of the new CD will be featured at *All That Jazz*, with performances of select songs in the show.



The AVPA Jazz Ensemble, which offers Culver City High School students college credit through the dual enrollment program at West LA College, is directed by Dr. Tony Spano. "The Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo have been working very hard throughout the year to prepare for concerts and festivals. These students are highly motivated and talented, and have a deep passion for jazz," said Spano, Co-Executive Director of AVPA and Music Director at Culver High.

**About the Academy of Visual and Performing Arts**

The Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) at Culver City High School has been inspiring and empowering students to build a compassionate, creative community through innovative and challenging arts education since 1996. AVPA enjoys tremendous support from Sony Pictures Entertainment and other area businesses as well as from the Culver City community. For more information about the Academy, go to <http://avpa.org> or contact Tony Spano at 310-842-4200 x6094 or Kristine Hatanaka at x6001.

Photo captions:

0236 Noya Kansky, Danny Beallo, Jordan Paddock and Jack Fairley rehearse for Jazz Night  
0239 Kyle Murphy, Andrew Lugliani, Michael Russell and Christopher Hall rehearse for Jazz Night

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