More than 100 school bands to convene at Jazz Festival

Festival will award music scholarships

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APTONS — The Santa Cruz Jazz Festival will showcase student talent from all over the state at Cabrillo College on Friday and Saturday.

More than 100 bands will perform during the two-day festival, which takes place from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on both days.

Scholarships for private musical instruction will be awarded to some individual performers. After the conclusion of the festival, judges will recommend students for the scholarships to the festival's board of directors, who make the final judgment.

The festival will also include guest artists Lew Soloff and Voco.

Soloff, a trumpeter, is prominent in the New York jazz scene. He is a part of a number of hands, including Lew Soloff and the Afro Cuban Ensemble, Manhattan Jazz Orchestra and The Lew Soloff Quartet.

Voco is a vocal jazz ensemble based at Cuesta College.

Since its inception in 1981, the ensemble has toured extensively on the West Coast and has toured Europe ten times. Voco has received awards such as the Outstanding Performance Award from Downbeat Magazine, first place at the Reno Jazz Festival and more.

Admission to the festival costs $10. For information, visit www.scf.org.