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**'Jazz at the Pollock' Faculty Concert
To Feature Pianist Dan Waddell**

PALM DESERT, CA — College of the Desert's first faculty concert of the 2017-2018 "Jazz at the Pollock" season will feature pianist and composer Dan Waddell.

Waddell will perform a set of jazz standards and original compositions at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, in the Pollock Theatre. Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$5 for students, \$10 for public.

Dan Waddell is a musician of many talents and with an extensive musical repertoire. He is equally proficient playing the classics, show tunes, and jazz standards. He has taught at COD for 27 years. Dan holds a Master of Music degree from the University of Arizona where he taught piano after receiving his degree. Prior to moving to the Coachella Valley, he was Music Director for Holland America and Sitmar (now Princess) cruise lines and concert pianist for Seaborn cruise lines. He will be joined by Professor of Music Anthony Fesmire, D.A., on guitar; Larry Holloway on bass; and Mike McKinley on drums.

Each season, the "Jazz at the Pollock" series will present faculty, student and guest artist concerts that take advantage of the intimacy of the college's Pollock Theatre and showcase the Jazz Studies program at College of the Desert.

Mark your calendars now for future "Jazz at the Pollock" concerts scheduled for Dec. 6 featuring the Jazz Combo students directed by Fesmire; and Feb. 28 featuring bassist and composer Lorin Cohen.

About College of the Desert's Music Program:

The College of the Desert Music Department offers a comprehensive music major program leading to an AA-T degree with guaranteed transfer to the California State University system. Areas of concentration are offered in both traditional and jazz studies. Ensembles include Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Jazz Combos, Chamber Singers, and Jazz Singers. In addition to the AA-T, COD offers certificates in Musical Theatre, and Music Technology.

For more information about the college's music program, contact COD Music Professor Anthony Fesmire, D.A. (instrumental), at afesmire@collegeofthedesert.edu or COD Music Professor Darlene Romano, D.M.A. (vocal), at dromano@collegeofthedesert.edu.

About College of the Desert:

Established in 1958, College of the Desert (COD), located in Palm Desert, is an accredited community college serving eastern Riverside County, California. The College leads the

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region in providing quality, higher education, technical training and lifelong learning opportunities, in response to the dynamic needs of our diverse community. The College serves more than 18,000 students each year and is the number one source of transfer students to California State University, San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus. For more information, visit www.collegeofthedesert.edu.

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