International jazz trumpet extravaganza at CCM on Saturday

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Byron Stripling is a judge on Saturday at CCM.

Some of the greatest jazz artists on the planet and new talent from across the globe will be at CCM this weekend, competing for **\$15,000** in prize money at the Carmine Caruso International Jazz Trumpet Competition.

The competition and Gala Concert on Saturday night are all FREE and open to the public. The competition is funded by a grant from the **Herb Alpert Foundation**.

Five soloists from the USA and abroad will strive to craft the most creative solos in exciting displays of virtuosity and artistry in the competition finals: 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 14 in Corbett Auditorium at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM).



CCM faculty member Scott Belck

Judging the competition are three of the most famous and successful jazz trumpet performers of the last 40 years. **Byron Stripling** is the artistic director of the Columbus Jazz Orchestra and has had a long performance career with some of the best bands in the world, including the GRP All- Star Band, the Count Basie Orchestra, and the Carnegie Hall Jazz Band.

Bobby Shew is an internationally renowned soloist and designer of the popular 8310Z Yamaha trumpet. He has performed with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, the Buddy Rich Big Band, and Maynard Ferguson's Big Band among others.

Jon Faddis, often likened to Dizzy Gillespie, is a former member of the Thad Jones/Mel Lewis Orchestra and has shared the stage with musicians such as Charles Mingus, Oscar Peterson, and Lionel Hampton.

The Caruso Clinic, in honor of the legendary brass pedagogue and author, starts the day at 10 a.m. on Saturday in the Cohen Family Studio Theater at CCM and is free and open to the public. Clinicians**Vince DiMartino** and **Liesl Whitaker** will be leading thesession.

In addition to the competition, CCM Jazz will be presenting a **Gala Concert**, 8 p.m. Saturday in Corbett Auditorium, with performances by the finalists, judges, and clinicians. Accompanying the soloists will be the **Cincinnati Contemporary Jazz Orchestra**, led by artistic director and CCM Director of Jazz Studies **Dr. Scott Belck**.