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Watch University of Akron Jazz Concert on Fusion, WNEO 45.2/WEAO 49.2

Dec. 17, 2012 — NORTHEAST OHIO — This Christmas Eve, enjoy a "Jingle Jazz" concert featuring University of Akron jazz musicians on Western Reserve Public Media's Fusion channel, WNEO 45.2/WEAO 49.2. The previously recorded concert will air Monday, Dec. 24, at 10 p.m.

Pianist "Jingle" Joe Augustine, trumpeter Jack "Frost" Schantz, vocalist "Peppermint" Patty LaNasa and more musicians from The University of Akron (UA) School of Music combined their musical talents for the concert, which took place on Sunday, Dec. 9, at E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall on the UA campus. The concert includes jolly, jazzy selections from Duke Ellington's "Jazz Nutcracker" by the UA Jazz Ensemble, Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" by The Joe Augustine Trio and other seasonal favorites. The recording is the work of Dr. Phil Hoffman of the UA School of Communication.

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