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**"Swing-to-Sing" Showcases Local Talent at RLT  
Mashburn Scholarship Foundation Presents A Tribute to Jazz and Blues Greats**

ROGERS, Ark. — The Barbara Mashburn Scholarship Foundation will present "Swing-to-Sing: A Tribute to Jazz and Blues Greats" performed by the UARKettes on Saturday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Rogers Little Theater in downtown Rogers.

Sponsoring this special event as part of the RLT Jazz Series is KUAF 91.3 FM NPR. RLT's 25th Anniversary Season is sponsored by Northwest Arkansas Media and CitiScapes Magazine.

"This evening promises elegance and sophistication, and it will be set up as though one was at a night club," said Rosemary Rogers, executive director for the Mashburn Scholarship Foundation.

The foundation identifies 10 talented performing arts students, primarily college-ages men and women, and following auditions brings them together under the tutelage of experienced artist-instructors who help them to polish their performance, composing and arranging skills, and to learn the business side of the performing arts as well. The students, the Bayou Blues Club, are backed by professional musicians.

"This gives kids an avenue for learning music that they won't get any other way,"

said Barbara Mashburn, who established the scholarship program as a 501(C) (3) non-profit organization in 1994. Since then the foundation has awarded 427 scholarships to talented Performing Arts Students.

Jazz and blues songs to be performed are "Fever," "Is you is, or is you ain't (ma'baby)," "Fly me to the moon," "Let's stay together," and "It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing."

"For those who miss hearing good old jazz and blues, come, sit back, relax and let the sultry sounds seep into your soul," Mashburn said.

Tickets are \$20 for general seating. Proceeds from this event benefit the theater and provide scholarship money for future program participants. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided and beverages are available for purchase.

"RLT's cozy, intimate atmosphere is perfect for this presentation. You will really feel like you are part of what's happening on stage," said Richard Dean Prudenti, executive director of RLT.

For more information or to make a donation, contact the foundation at 582-1936. To order tickets, go to the RLT Box Office, 116 S. Second St., call the theater at 631-8988 or order online at [www.rogerslittletheater.org](http://www.rogerslittletheater.org).

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