



TIA ACC #45 SPECIAL EVENT!

**SATURDAY,
MAY 6, 1:00 PM**

**STARLIGHT
BALLROOM,
WWCC**



TEMPLE UNIVERSITY LAB BAND

Since its inception in the late 1980s as a large reading ensemble for Boyer College Jazz Studies students, the Temple University Lab Band has flourished on its own and also served as a valuable feeder system for the Temple University Jazz Band. Previous conductors include original conductor Larry McKenna, a former jazz faculty member and longtime friend and supporter of the program, and Terell Stafford, who reintroduced the band to accommodate the growing jazz student population.

Temple University Lab Band has served as the opening act for the Temple University Jazz Band at its Kimmel Center performances and as the headliner for the annual Big Band Dance swing dance held each spring in The Underground at the Howard Gittis Student Center. The band has also performed at Temple Performing Arts Center and in Tomlinson Theater. The band's impressive list of recent guest artists includes trumpeter Joe Magnarelli, trombonist Wycliffe Gordon, and saxophonists Larry McKenna and Ralph Lalama.



DIRECTOR: Steve Fidyk

Known for his touch, versatility and musical approach, jazz drummer Steve Fidyk has earned national and international acclaim as an artist, author and columnist.

Fidyk's father John Fidyk, who played tenor saxophone with groups throughout North Eastern Pennsylvania, began taking him on gigs as a substitute drummer at the age of eight. Encouraged by his parents, Fidyk pursued music throughout high school, and majored in music education at Wilkes University. He played drums in the big band under the direction of Bob Wilbur and eventually Tom Heinze. It was at this time that he began to immerse himself in jazz, listening to the great big bands of Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Woody Herman, Stan Kenton, and Buddy Rich. Rich was the first jazz drummer Fidyk saw perform live when he was eight years old, and that experience left a lasting impression.