14-time Grammy-winner Hancock coming to DSU to perform for local students

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Fourteen-time GRAMMY Award-winning pianist and composer Herbie Hancock will appear in a one-of-a-kind educational performance at Delta State University's Bologna Performing Arts Center on April 8, 2013 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. This event for local public school students will kick off the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz "Peer-to Peer" jazz and blues education program in Mississippi and Tennessee public schools April 8-12. Hancock is a champion of this program that combines performance with educational information and introduces young people to jazz musicians in their own age group along with legendary performers.

In between performing iconic selections from his musical legacy, Hancock will speak to students about the influence of the blues on jazz and his personal connection to Dockery Farms in Cleveland, Mississippi. Hancock also will address the ways in which the blues continues to influence musicians around the world today. Thelonious Monk, Jr., Chairman of the Institute's Board of Trustees and son of the legendary jazz pianist and composer, will appear with Hancock and discuss the importance of jazz and music education, the values that jazz represents, and the musical legacy of his father.



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