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CHARLESTON, IL--Thirty high school bands from throughout Illinois will participate in the 23rd annual jazz festival at Eastern Illinois University on Saturday, Feb. 20.

Competition will be from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Dvorak Concert Hall and the Ballroom of the University Union. Clinics by guest artists Jim Pugh, trombonist, and Bill Molenhof, percussionist, will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center.

A feature of the day's events will be the final concert featuring the four winning bands and the EIU Jazz Ensemble at 7:30 p.m. in Dvorak Concert Hall. Pugh and Molenhof will appear with the Eastern ensemble.

The festival is co-sponsored by Eastern, the Samuel Music Company of Effingham, and King Musical Instruments.

Pugh is currently working in New York after a tour with the Woody Herman Herd. He is a teacher and also a clinician for King Musical Instruments. Pugh has made a number of recordings with the Herman band.

Molenhof will be making his first appearance at the Jazz Festival. A native of Belleville, he is a student of vibist Gary Burton of Berklee College of Music and is touring for the Ludwig Drum Company.

All activities are free and open to the public.

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