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CHARLESTON, IL--More than 30 high school ensembles are expected to participate in Eastern Illinois University's 26th annual jazz festival on Saturday, Feb. 9.

Sponsored by the Department of Music and Samuel Music Company of Effingham, the festival has become one of downstate Illinois' largest jazz contests.

One of the nation's leading jazz trombonists, Slide Hampton, will perform with the EIU Jazz Ensemble and will present a clinic demonstration to the high school musicians.

Band competition will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Dvorak Concert Hall and the Grand Ballroom of the University Union. Clinics will be given by Hampton and by the judges from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center.

An awards concert will be performed at 4:30 p.m. in Dvorak Concert Hall. Featured will be four winning high school bands, Eastern's big band, and Hampton. Eastern's jazz program is directed by Allan Horney.

Hampton has worked with such artists as Art Blakey, Dizzy Gillespie, Max Roach, Maynard Ferguson, Thad Jones and Mel Lewis.

He formed his own band in 1962 and later served as musical director for various orchestras and performing artists.

All festival activities are open to the public without charge.

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