

Green Jazz to benefit low-income families

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ASU and the Herberger Theater are hosting a concert series to raise money for an environmental group that helps low-income families.

The Green Jazz series will kick off Thursday at 6:30 p.m. with Althea Rene, a Detroit jazz flautist.

"We are using the Green Jazz series to expand the benefits of green concepts to low-income households through the Green Survival Initiative," said Mernoy E. Harrison Jr., Arizona State University's online and extended campus vice president.

Proceeds from the concert will go to the Green Survival Initiative, a Phoenix-based non-profit that seeks to lower energy costs for Valley residents with fixed and low incomes.

The group aims to provide cost-saving items such as compact fluorescent lights, low-flow shower heads and water-heater blankets to 7,000 families, said ASU spokesman Marshall Terrill.

Rene is regarded as one of the nation's

premier solo improvisational flautists, Terrill said. She has recorded and performed with jazz greats Al Jarreau, Nancy Wilson, Norman Brown, Boney James and George Duke, he said.

Rene will perform an assortment of R&B-flavored urban contemporary songs and work from her CD, *No Restriction*.

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