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BAKU BIG BAND PERFORMING

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The Baku Big Band with guest soloist and conductor Ernest Hammes will perform on Monday January 26th at 7pm in the Baku Jazz Center! The concert is free and open to the public. The repertoire of the concert will feature trumpeter Ernie Hammes as soloist and conductor in Big Band standards of the Early Jazz, Swing, and Rhythm and Blues eras. Ernie Hammes, the lead trumpeter with the Maynard Ferguson Band, will make his second visit to Baku.

The year-round educational and concert activities of the Baku Big Band are organized by American Voices and are sponsored by Unocal, Garadakh, ChevronTexaco, British Airways, Bakcell, the Baku Jazz Center and the U.S. Embassy.

This concert is the third project with the Baku Big Band since their exciting debut at the Caspian Jazz and Blues Festival.