

Monty Alexander to perform June 19

The Cumberland Valley School of Music will present jazz pianist Monty Alexander and his trio in concert on Saturday, June 19, at 8 p.m. in Thomson Chapel, Wilson College, Chambersburg.

By grafting the traditions of American jazz to his authentic Jamaican roots, pianist Monty Alexander has spent a lifetime exploring the rich depths of musical and cultural diversity. In a career that spans more than four decades, he has performed and/or recorded with a wide range of artists including Frank Sinatra, Ray Brown, Dizzy Gillespie, Sonny Rollins, Quincy Jones, Milt Jackson, Ernest Ranglin, Sly Dunbar, Robbie Shakespeare and many more. In addition, he has recorded more than 60 albums as a leader for Concord Jazz, Telarc, and other labels. A virtuoso in the tradition of Oscar Peterson, Mon-

ty's joyful music combines jazz, reggae, calypso, soul, and other influences. As Gary Giddins stated recently in the *Village Voice*, "Alexander is a pianist with chops, humor, and a tremendous regard for the tradition."

Performing with Alexander at this concert will be bassist Hassan Shakur and drummer Mark Taylor, the rhythm section on his highly lauded CD, "Impressions in Blues" (Telarc).

Made possible with support from McDonald's of Franklin County, PA Partners in the Arts, and the Gilmore Hoerner Endowment, admission to the concert is \$15 or \$10 for students in grades K-12. CVSM students are admitted free. For more information, call the Cumberland Valley School of Music at (717) 261-1220 or visit their website at www.cvsmusic.org.



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