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Three Big Bands jazz it up at Vanier College

On Wednesday, October 15th, 2008, the four-hundred seat Auditorium was bouncing with the lively beat of trumpets, trombones, saxophones and drums, when the Vanier College Music Department held a Big Band Evening. Three bands took to the stage before an enthusiastic audience: the Lindsay Place High School Jazz Band (Patricia Dupuis, Director), the Vanier College Big Band (Jocelyn Couture, Director) and the Université de Montréal Big Band (Ron Di Lauro, Director). The event was hosted by CBC Radio's Kelly Rice as part of *CBC Montreal Matters*.

All three orchestra directors are trumpet players, and Patricia Dupuis and Jocelyn Couture are also both Vanier graduates. One of the students performing in the high school ensemble was Simon Cartile, the son of Michael Cartile, another Vanier alumnus. Father and son are both trumpet players.

A representative of each big band was interviewed on CBC's *All in a Weekend*, on October 18, where the young musicians voiced their enthusiastic appreciation of this event.

"It was a terrific evening," stated Nadia Turbide, Coordinator of the Music Department at Vanier. "The audience was incredibly receptive and supportive of the young musicians. Even though it was close to the start of the year, the jazz ensembles already had quality material ready to perform. The musicians themselves were overjoyed to hear the progress that takes place as students move through Cegep and university music studies. I think we will make it a yearly event. We'll invite a different high school every year and alternate between the university Big Bands. And we'll hold it early in the fall so that it kicks off the music year with a big event that gets everybody motivated and excited about the rest of the music school year ahead."

Next year the Big Band evening will feature the Hudson Westwood High School Big Band conducted by Steve Dubinsky, another Vanier graduate and trumpet player! They will join the McGill Jazz Orchestra directed by Gordon Foote and the Vanier College Big Band.

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