Introduction for Special Performance by Alex Wintz, jazz guitarist

And now, for a truly special treat this evening – a performance by "one of our own," the winner of our 2006 Elaine Ehlers Arts Scholarship, jazz guitarist Alex Wintz. From high school, Alex went on to a full tuition scholarship at the Berklee College of Music and earned his Masters in Jazz at Juilliard. His awards and honors include the National Foundation of the Arts ARTS Award, the Clifford Brown/Stan Getz Fellowship All Star award, the Berklee Guitar Achievement Award, and *Downbeat Magazine's* Music Award as the 2006 Most Outstanding Jazz Soloist in the high school category. He has performed at the Monterey Jazz Festival, NJPAC, Jazz at Lincoln Center, Symphony Space, The Knitting Factory and Shanghai Jazz, regularly touring and performing throughout the US. Tonight, he "comes home" and graciously sharing his exceptional talents with us at Celebrate the Arts.

It is our pleasure to present jazz guitarist Alex Wintz.

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