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UA COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS Sylvan Street performs jazz compositions at a UA concert. The group is scheduled to play Thursday at Crowder Hall.

Jay Rees was looking for an outlet for his original jazz compositions when he came up with the idea for Sylvan Street.

But what started as possibly a little hobby has turned into a formidable player on the jazz scene, both locally and on the road.

Sylvan Street is in the midst of recording its second CD for Summit Records, a follow-up to its critically acclaimed debut disc, "The Perfect Leaf." That recording reportedly got some Grammy buzz, but no nominations, after it was released last year.

Sylvan Street, with the exception of Rees' teenage son, is made up of educators; Rees teaches at the University of Arizona and is associate director of bands. As such, Sylvan Street performances usually have an educational tie-in, including their performance Thursday to launch the 2010-11 Music on Campus season.

The performance will follow the second annual UA Day of Jazz, planned for earlier Thursday at the UA School of Music. The day will include master classes and improvisational clinics for high school students statewide.

In addition to Sylvan Street artists, other UA faculty members participating in the workshops will be Jeff Haskell, Moisés Paiewonsky and Robin Horn.

Thursday's performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Crowder Hall, North Park Avenue and East Speedway. Admission is \$5; \$3 for UA employees and seniors; and \$2 for students, online at arizona.tix.com

Catalinas Chorus seeks singers

If you're an alto, baritone or bass and you want to show off your vocal prowess - or just sing for your own enjoyment - the Catalinas Community Chorus wants you.

The chorus is looking for singers to fill out its ranks for the 2010-2011 season. Rehearsals are from 6:45 to 9 p.m. Mondays at the music room of the southwest campus of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 7575 N. Paseo del Norte (just north of Tohono Chul Park). Check out the website at www.catalinascommunitychorus.org

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- Park Place Mall Concert Series - Park Place mall, 5870 E. Broadway. The Plan B Blues Band performs at 6 p.m. Thursday as part of the series, which runs Thursdays through Oct. 28. Admission is free. 797-3959.
- Heather O'Day Quartet - La Encantada shopping center, lower courtyard, northwest corner of East Skyline Drive and North Campbell Avenue. The jazz quartet performs at 7 p.m. today as part of the La Encantada Summer Concert Series. Proceeds benefit the community and school programs of the Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance. Tickets: \$10 in advance; \$11 the day of the show. 797-3959.

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