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Big Band of Rossmoor drummer and Acalanes High School student Jared Brinton. Photo provided "It is to be 'The Night of Nights' with cocktails, dinner, a show and then dance," said Generations in Jazz board member Maurice "Mo" Levich.

Five bands, including Dominant 7 (Stanley music students), Bob Athayde and Friends, the Big Band of Rossmoor, the Generations in Jazz College Reunion Band, and Juice (retro 1967), will join special guests Mic Gillette (Tower of Power) and Mary Fettig at the 15th Annual Generations in Jazz Festival, "It's A Wonderful World - Oh, Yeah," beginning at 6:30 p.m. March 8 at the Veterans Memorial Building.

"By bringing our citizens, patrons, and members of Lafayette's many foundations together for the first time, we recognize those that made a cultural difference in Lafayette over many years," said Levich. "As the banner states in Bob Athayde's music room at Stanley Middle School, which was adopted by Generations in Jazz 15 years ago, this is the night 'we all play together.'"

Each band will participate in a silent auction for a private performance at homes, offices, schools or churches. Generations in Jazz is a non-profit public benefit corporation dedicated to supporting community music activities. The

Generations in Jazz Foundation projects include: Stanley Middle School Jazz After School; Lafayette Summer Music Workshop; The Big Band of Rossmoor; and underserved schools/Boy Scouts/used instruments. This first-ever Generations in Jazz fundraiser will benefit the multi-generational Big Band of Rossmoor. Tickets are available at the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, (925) 284-7404. This event is expected to sell out.

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