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The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center presents:

Uppercut

A knock-out tribute to the hottest brass rock & funk bands

Whether faithfully recreating the sounds of horn sensations
Tower of Power or fusion pioneers Steely Dan,
Uppercut's tribute performances beat audience expectations



March 26, 2010, Dix Hills, NY – The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center, Long Island's premier venue for jazz and tribute rock at Five Towns College, will present *Uppercut*, performing an evening in tribute to the best of live, horn-led ensembles. Tickets for *Uppercut* April 24 at 7:30 p.m. are \$25.

Songwriter Tom Waits called it "Swordfish Trombone" -- when music reaches a strong crescendo where not only is the slide of the trombone reaching out to the audience, but the sound just pins you back into your seat. On Long Island, that musical "punch" is increasingly known as the Uppercut.

Uppercut is a nine piece high-energy funk, rock and rhythm and blues band whose repertoire is dedicated to the great horn-driven bands of the last forty years. Their performances are noted for their skillful tributes to many great bands, but they also include a number of their original compositions.

The band includes Rob Leskody on lead vocals, Chris Carbery on guitar and vocals, Karl Schwarz on keyboards and vocals, John Pandolfo on bass and vocals, Frank Bellucci on drums, Chuck Foell on trumpet, Chris Done on tenor saxophone, Tim Cassera on trombone and Carl Greiner on baritone/alto saxophone.

The band has been enjoying rave reviews:

- Wrote the *Island Ear* of *Uppercut*: "Their rhythm section is exceptionally steady and tight, the horns are sharp and crisp, and the individual soloists shine."
- Wrote *Good Times*: "This nine piece band features some of the best players on Long Island. The band is a graduate course in the music of the last three decades."
- *Long Island Entertainment* called *Uppercut* an "incredible talent.. They come packed with a brass section that is tight and right on the money."

The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center

The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center is located at Five Towns College, 305 North Service Road, Dix Hills, New York, 11746-5857. For more information and ticket sales, please contact the Dix Hills Performing Arts Center box office at (631) 656-2148 or visit online at www.DHPAC.org. Become a fan on Facebook! (Dix Hills Performing Arts Center).

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