

Festival of Culture

CCC's International Week provides variety of events



International Week events were held May 11, 13 and 15. On Friday, students from the Clarkes Elementary School attended several of the events.



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Professional bassist hopes to strengthen CCC music program

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Tom Wakeling, a well-respected, professional bassist has found a home here at CCC.

Wakeling, the new Jazz Ensemble Director, also teaches Music Literature and gives private lessons. He received his Masters Degree in Music from the University of Portland.

Wakeling commented that his reason for choosing CCC was "there are good teachers here who are actively playing and very well-respected in the music community."

Wakeling has performed with such jazz artists as Mel Torme, Herb Ellis, and Diane Schurr. Some

working on a Doctorate. "I want to put my time into the Jazz Ensemble next year and travel to a few festivals with them. I would also like to build the program here and increase the number of students in the Music Department."



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of the major stars that he has backed include: Rich Little, Della Reese, Tony Bennett, and Red Skelton. He has also played in many orchestras for national touring shows such as Sugar Babies with Mickey Rooney, Can-Can with Chita Rivera, Chorus Line and the Joffrey Ballet. He can also be heard on several recordings of Northwest artists.

Wakeling at the present is more interested in studying music than

ment." The students would have better exposure and experience if we had "a larger ensemble and several smaller ones."

When asked if he would like to be a full-time teacher here, he said, "Sure, I would like to be full-time because it has always been a quality program (compared to) other programs' staff and students"

Currently, Wakeling can be heard playing on weekends at the Benson Hotel, and the River Place Alexis on Sundays. Tom is still active with local theaters and plays for shows at the Civic Auditorium and the Coliseum. Most recently, he could be heard in the CCC Faculty Band, including several of the private instructors here at Clackamas.

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