

Coral Gables Congregational
United Church of Christ (CGCC)
Community Arts Program (CAP)



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**Miami Arts Program Unveils Record Label
With a First Release that Features
Talented, Young South Florida Jazz Musicians!**

MIAMI, FL - The noted Coral Gables Congregational United Church of Christ (**CGCC**) **Community Arts Program (CAP)** has established a record label: **CAP Records**. The label is dedicated to recording and fostering the next generation of studio musicians, marketers and project developers through engaging young musicians in hands-on studio, production and marketing experiences that turn out "real-life" products. The **initial release** under the new CAP Records label is titled ***With a Swing!***. **The project was** made possible through the generous support of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council, the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners, The Children's Trust, and the Gloria Estefan Foundation.

With a Swing! features the CGCC **CAP ALL-STAR Jazz Ensemble** comprised of South Florida's most talented young jazz musicians (ages 14-18) under the direction CGCC CAP Conservatory for the Arts jazz faculty member, Daniel Strange. This all-star group made headlines when it **opened this past summer for the Count Basie Orchestra!** To echo the words of Count Basie Orchestra members: **"These kids are REALLY terrific!"** CGCC CAP Executive and Artistic Director, Mark Hart, adds "The primary focus of all CGCC Community Arts Program projects is to

share excellence in education and performance with the greater community in order to reinforce present and future cultural wealth in South Florida and beyond. Our newest endeavor, CAP Records, with its initial release, *With a Swing!*, certainly captures that. The first, online sale was to Catalonia, Spain!"

With an internet release, sharing becomes even easier. Through [iTunes](#) and [Amazon](#) (search *CGCC Community Arts Program*), music enthusiasts everywhere can hear samplings from *With a Swing!* and purchase the CD: **Eleven tracks of swinging jazz** that span from Duke Ellington, Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie to Clark Terry and Matt Harris. Louis Prima's *Sing, Sing, Sing* was the first jazz piece to ever resound within Carnegie Hall and made a BIG hit of the jazz art form. George Cory's *I Left My Heart in San Francisco* takes one back to the Count Basie Orchestra era. Duke Ellington's *Prelude to a Kiss* entrances, while Matt Harris' *El Gatote* delivers a mambo beat. **Seven additional tracks** serve up more swingin' surprises!

Sales of *With a Swing!* support the many facets of the CGCC Community Arts Program (CAP) and, most of all, its projects involving children. With reasonable tuition and scholarships, the CGCC CAP **Conservatory for the Arts** brings affordable music training to all youth. The curriculum includes one-on-one instrument training coupled with music theory, performance practice, evaluation and further performance and "active learning" in The Young Musicians' Junior, Intermediate and Advanced Orchestras and ALL-STAR Jazz Ensemble. The CGCC CAP **Summer Concert Series** presents concerts to the community at large with a roster of internationally-renowned classical and jazz artists who also teach the CGCC CAP **Young Musicians' Summer Master Classes**. And now, the CGCC CAP's newest addition, **CAP Records**, is dedicated to recording and fostering the next generation of studio musicians, marketers and project developers through engaging young musicians in hands-on studio, production and marketing experiences. **Shelly Berg, University of Miami Dean of the Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music** adds, "The CGCC CAP Conservatory for the Arts provides high-quality music education to children, many of whom would otherwise be denied access to the wonder of music and the beauty of the artistic spirit."

More information about the CGCC Community Arts Program, CAP Records and the CD release, *With a Swing!*, are available by calling 305.448.7421, extension 120.

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