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La Lumiere School Announces an Evening of Live Music and Film

La Porte, IN – On April 25, a special screening of the documentary, *Frank D’Rone – One Night Only* will be held at the Acorn Theater. Last July legendary jazz musician Frank D’Rone performed live at the Acorn Theater in Three Oaks, MI. The Deep Six Blues Band, made up almost entirely of La Lumiere students, was the opening act for Mr. D’Rone. The show, a benefit concert for La Lumiere School, was a huge success and it broke the Acorn’s Theater’s attendance record. Once again the opening act will be the Deep Six Blues Band, now known as Quest.

Not only did Frank D’Rone, who performs the songs of the Great American Songbook, dazzle the audience, but the Deep Six impressed as well. “Of course, D’Rone was great, that was to be expected” said La Lumiere Headmaster Michael Kennedy of the July concert, “but I wasn’t expecting the Deep Six jazz group to nearly steal the show. The audience response was amazing and I was pleasantly surprised at how good our kids played. I’m really looking forward to seeing them again to see how much they’ve progressed.”

Local producer Tom McComas filmed the concert and has produced a documentary. The 50-minute documentary has just been released and is being considered by PBS. Mr. D’Rone, Tom McComas and the band will be present for a question and answer session after the screening.

The band Quest will start at 7:30PM and the documentary at 8:30PM (ALL TIMES ARE MICHIGAN TIME)

The Acorn Theater, Three Oaks, MI

Adults \$10.00

Students \$5.00 All proceeds support the La Lumiere School Fine Arts Program.

To purchase tickets, call La Lumiere School at 219.326.7450.

Tom McComas has been producing film and video since 1967. His shows have appeared on network TV, PBS, and cable stations around the country. Tom’s company, TM Books & Video (www.tmbv.com), is currently licensed by John Deere, Boeing Aircraft, Caterpillar, Lionel, and Chicago’s Museum of Science & Industry to make educational children’s videos.

What they are saying about **Frank D'Rone – One Night Only**

“The charming way D’Rone recounts his stellar career will keep you riveted. In fact, given D’Rone’s phenomenal voice and musicianship, you may be surprised to find yourself hoping for the song to end so you can hear another one of D’Rone’s fascinating stories. Producer Tom McComas does a masterful job of moving from interview to concert, keeping the show interesting and flowing smoothly.”

Chicago Jazz Magazine

“Sinatra did it his way. So did Frank D’Rone. I think Frank D’Rone sounds better today than ever. My dad is a big D’Rone fan. So am I and we both loved this documentary. All Frank’s talents are on display. Four stars.” **Christie Hefner, Playboy Magazine**

“Producer Tom Mc Comas has masterfully captured not only Frank D’Rone’s enduring and incredible talent, but the fascinating story of D’Rone’s larger-than-life career as well. The mix of his stories and his music is brilliantly done. A-plus.”

Kim Clark, Professor of Film, DePaul University

“People should know about Frank D’Rone’s wonderful career. This film lets him tell his stories while we hear his music interpretations. A cinematic treat that we are proud to have had filmed in our theater.”

David Fink, Producer/Owner Acorn Theater

“I loved the D’Rone DVD. The cuts from color to black and white were inspired. It takes you right back to the epoch of which he speaks – and musically echoes.” **Ron Grossman, Chicago Tribune**

“Frank D’Rone continues to prove an audience for real American popular music exists. He sings it the way it was, and the way it is. Fans of both good music and the cinema will enjoy this exceptionally well done documentary.” **Sherman Kaplan, WBBM**

“I think it’s important for kids to see this documentary because it shows a man who refused to compromise his principles just to become a big star. That’s a good lesson for an aspiring musician, artist, athlete, or student. D’Rone’s integrity, sincerity and amazing talents shine throughout. An absolute delight from beginning to end.”

Michael Kennedy, Headmaster, La Lumiere School

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remaining both independently accredited and faithful to its Catholic heritage. Current enrollment is 170 students. It is situated on a beautiful rural estate 8 miles north of La Porte. Please visit www.lalumiere.org for direction and additional information.