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**UTSA WELCOMES WORLD-RENOWNED  
JAZZ PIANIST KENNY BARRON**

(SAN ANTONIO) – The UTSA Department of Music will welcome world-renowned jazz legend Kenny Barron as a part of the Monday Night Artist Series at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4. Nominated for nine Grammy Awards as well as the American Jazz Hall of Fame, Barron has played with jazz greats Buddy Rich, Chet Baker, Stan Getz and Regina Carter among others.

Referred to as “one of the top jazz pianists in the world” by the Los Angeles Times, Barron has been named Best Pianist by the Jazz Journalists Association every year for the past four years and his work appears on over 40 recordings.

Barron began his career in his teens when he signed on to play professionally with Mel Melvin’s Orchestra. In the 1960’s he was hired as the piano chair in the Dizzy Gillespie Quartet.

Encouraged by musician Yusef Lateef, Barron returned to school and balanced a full touring schedule with his studies and received a B.A. in music from Empire State College. In 1973, Barron joined the faculty at Rutgers University as a professor of music where he stayed until 2000.

The performance will be held in the 1604 Campus Arts Building Recital Hall. Tickets for the event are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students/seniors/military with ID, and can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling 458-5685. Admission is free for those with a UTSA ID card.

About The University of Texas at San Antonio

The University of Texas at San Antonio is one of the premier institutions of higher education in South Texas and one of the fastest growing universities in the state. One of nine academic universities and six health institutions that comprise the UT System, UTSA is the second largest institution in the system. Celebrating its 36th anniversary, UTSA serves more than 28,000 students enrolled in 62 bachelors, 43 masters and 19 doctoral degree programs.

Programs are offered through the colleges of Architecture, Business, Education and Human Development, Engineering, Honors, Liberal and Fine Arts, Public Policy, and Sciences, and the Graduate School. A Top 100 Hispanic-serving institution, UTSA is ranked among the top 10. A university of access and excellence, UTSA is committed to research and discovery, teaching and learning, and public service.

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