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Legendary drummer Butch Miles to perform  
Thursday, Oct. 8 with St. Croix Jazz Orchestra

According to crooner Mel Torme, Butch Miles "is merely the most exciting, talented drum find since, maybe, Buddy Rich."

At 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8, legendary jazz drummer Miles will join the St. Croix Jazz Orchestra for a performance at the Stillwater Junior High School Hovland Auditorium.

Miles made a name for himself as the drummer for the Count Basie Orchestra from 1975-79. His bio includes performances with Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr., Dave Brubeck, Lena Horne, Joe Williams, Ella Fitzgerald, Benny Goodman, Tony Bennett and more.

He has been a featured artist at nearly every major jazz festival, has appeared repeatedly on television, and has recorded more than 100 albums.

Miles will join Stillwater's own St. Croix Jazz Orchestra (SCJO), whose members include some of the Twin Cities top musicians: Steve Strand (lead trumpet), Jeff Rinear (trombone), Greg Keel (tenor sax), and vocalist Judi Donaghy.

Jerry Swanberg, longtime president of the Twin Cities Jazz Society, was the driving force behind the evening's collaboration between Miles and the SCJO.

Swanberg calls the SCJO one of the best big bands in the Twin Cities area.

Tickets cost \$15 in advance (\$5 for students). Advance tickets are available by calling ArtReach Alliance at 651-439-1465 or online at [www.artreachalliance.org](http://www.artreachalliance.org). Tickets will also be available at the door for \$17.

