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**John Paulson Big Band Concert/Fundraiser for Project FINE**

The John Paulson Big Band and Wellington's Pub and Grill (1429 W Service Dr.-Winona) are teaming up for a special fundraiser November 21 from 7:00 to 9:30 pm. The goal is to present some great original jazz music and raise funds to support Project FINE. Project FINE provides educational programming and services to help refugees and immigrants build a new life. The group also offers opportunities for people to develop cross-cultural relationships and gain a greater understanding of the diversity in our community. Project FINE is a nonprofit organization that has been serving Winona County and the surrounding area since 1990.

The 18-piece John Paulson Big Band with vocalist Janette Hanson includes some of the best jazz players and teachers in the region. They are unique in that they perform only original big band jazz composed and arranged by director and saxophonist John Paulson. The music is an exciting mix of contemporary blues, Latin, ballads, funk, and swing with plenty of solo space for the players. Since starting in 2011, the band has performed several times each year at venues all around the Southeast Minnesota region and beyond. For this performance, they'll be joined by stellar vocalist Janette Hanson of La Crosse. She will be featured on several pieces including John Paulson's latest original composition "Singin' Joy."

The concert begins at 7:00 pm and Wellington's gets packed so get there early and enjoy the awesome food and drinks. Don't miss this amazing band and their fantastic new music!  Donations will be accepted at the performance or anytime online until 12/25/26 at:
https://gofund.me/478b9faa0

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