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Texas A&M-Corpus Christi's Furgason Bravo! Series Launches Fifth Season with Award-Winning 'Cowboy Poet' The season also includes the Jim Cullum Jazz Band and Anniversary Concert Gala

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – In celebration of its fifth season anniversary, the 2009-2010 Gloria and Robert R. Furgason Bravo! Series for the Performing Arts will showcase a variety of classic American entertainment ranging from “singing cowboy poet” Michael Martin Murphey to the nostalgic tunes of “Riverwalk Jazz” featuring the Jim Cullum Jazz Band. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi's Performing Arts Center.

Tickets for the series will be available beginning Monday, Oct., 5 at 9 a.m. at <http://tamucc.tix.com> or by calling 361.825.ARTS (2787) to charge by phone.

Tuesday, Dec. 8 – The Bravo! Series opens with Michael Martin Murphey's “Cowboy Christmas.” Back by popular demand, the award-winning cowboy poet and musician has played to a sold-out Performing Arts Center for the past three years. Murphey, who was recently inducted into the Texas Heritage Songwriters Hall of Fame and the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame, recently released his new album “Buckaroo Bluegrass.” In 1975, his classic “Wildfire” topped the pop charts, and he began his annual Christmas tour in 1987, which today includes 40 cities. The concert is sponsored in part by Whataburger.

Thursday, Feb. 11 – “Riverwalk Jazz” featuring The Jim Cullum Jazz Band with special guest Dick Hyman will provide audiences with a nostalgic glimpse of the world of live radio. The Jim Cullum Jazz Band has appeared at Carnegie Hall, Kennedy Center, Wolf Trap, major worldwide jazz festivals, and stars in its own public radio series, “Riverwalk

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Jazz,” broadcasting since 1987, heard on more than 150 public radio stations nationwide and on the Internet. The band’s core music is influenced by the sounds of “Jelly Roll” Morton, Original Dixieland Jazz Band, New Orleans Rhythm Kings, King Oliver Creole Jazz Band, Louis Armstrong, and Sidney Bechet, as well as a heavy emphasis on Bix Beiderbecke and Hoagy Carmichael. Hyman, whose musical career began in the early 1950s, is a pianist, organist, arranger, music director, and composer.

Saturday, April 10 – A fifth anniversary Performing Arts Center Rededication Concert Gala celebrates the opening of the hall at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on April 10, 2005. The evening will feature renowned faculty musicians who have performed with the Hong Kong, Boston, and Houston symphonies, the Oregon Bach Festival, Boston Lyric Opera and the Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra. All proceeds will support music student scholarships.

Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$30 with \$7 tickets for children and students with a valid school ID. For more information, go to <http://pac.tamucc.edu/bravo0809.html> or call 361.825.ARTS (2787) between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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