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## Trombonist Steve Turre -An Exciting Night of Jazz

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Jazz trombonist Steve Turre Photo provided

One of the world's preeminent jazz innovators, Lafayette native Steve Turre will return to his roots in Lamorinda to lead the Steve Turre Quartet in an evening of jazz at Saint Mary's College (SMC) on Wednesday, January 14, 2009. The Committee for Lectures, Art and Music at SMC will host Turre, the man widely considered this generation's finest trombonist. Joining Turre in bringing unparalleled jazz to Moraga will be Dino Parson on drums, Kito Gamble, piano and David Ewell on bass. The performance will take place in the college's Soda Activity Center starting at 8:00 p.m.

Born and raised in Lafayette, Turre attended Lafayette Elementary School where he got his start on the trombone. He and his (also very musical) siblings took lessons at Campana Music and participated in the music programs at Stanley Intermediate School as well. A graduate of Acalanes High School, Turre often returns to the Bay Area to visit family, conduct classes for middle and high school students and to perform before devoted fans in the local jazz scene.

Turre has been a member of the Saturday Night Live Band since 1984, teaches at the Juilliard School, and maintains a full schedule of international touring. He has worked and played with such jazz greats as Ray Charles, Woody Shaw, Art Blakey, Dizzy Gillespie, Herbie Hancock, Tito Puente, Van Morrison, Horace Silver and Max Roach. His diverse musical style has also been influenced by the Latin, blues, Afro-Cuban and pop music worlds. Turre also uses self-designed conch shells to make music, an instrument that his ancestors in Mexico also played.

Tickets are \$25 for general admission; \$20 seniors (65+); \$12 Saint Mary's

College faculty, staff and non-SMC students; and \$2 SMC students. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call 925.631.4381 or go to [www.stmarys-ca.edu](http://www.stmarys-ca.edu) and click on "Arts."

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