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Brett Stamps brings knowledge, passion to jazz

Brett Stamps is set to start his third year on the faculty at SIU Edwardsville. As a professor of music, Stamps is famous for his great jazz program. Today he brings knowledge, passion and experience to the world of jazz.

"I think that the reason why the trombone is such an instrument is that it is a very complicated one to play in both jazz, the jazz of the early 20th century, and I think that it is a very complicated one to play in the jazz of today," Stamps said.

Stamps is a trombonist. "Like many jazz composers, they want to do things that are never been done before," he said.

Stamps' ability — teach students improvisation? "I don't think that's impossible," he said. "I think that the reason why the trombone is such an instrument is that it is a very complicated one to play in both jazz, the jazz of the early 20th century, and I think that it is a very complicated one to play in the jazz of today."