

## Jazz guitarist Pizzarelli swings at Berney Theatre

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Give Bucky Pizzarelli seven strings and he'll make the room swing. Twice in a day, if you ask him.

The jazz guitar stalwart will make the Berney Theatre swing Sunday for two shows, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m., as he kicks off the 2001 portion of the Asper Foundation Performances Jazz Series.

Pizzarelli and his guitar have been active in the jazz world since the 1950s and he has toured with Benny Goodman and performed with musicians such as Zoot Sims, Bud Freeman and Stephane Grappelli, among others.

The guitarist has passed on his talent and since the 1980s he has also collaborated with his son, the singer and guitarist John Pizzarelli.

Pizzarelli is known for both his jazz and classical skills, and is a mainstay of swing recording sessions and jazz parties.

A self-taught musician, Pizzarelli played banjo and guitar as a youth and joined Vaughn Monroe's dance band at age 17.

Pizzarelli performs at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Berney Theatre at the Asper Jewish Community Campus, 123 Doncaster St. Both shows are almost sold out, but tickets are available from TicketMaster, 780-3333. Information on the show or the **Asper jazz** series is available by calling 477-7510.

The next show in the series is singer Tommy Ambrose with the Ron Paley Big Band, Feb. 11.

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