

# Press Release

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## Montavilla Jazz Festival 2015 To Make A Splash in Year Two

Portland, OR—The Montavilla Neighborhood Association is gearing up for the second annual Montavilla Jazz Festival (MJF). Last year attendees enjoyed fantastic original, creative, Portland-based jazz over two days at Post5 Theatre. Once again MJF organizers have assembled a program that highlights the best of originally composed jazz created and performed by Portland-based artists, this year at a larger venue, Portland Metro Arts.

MJF 2015 Headliner Darrell Grant will debut “All 4 Naught”, an exploration of current popular music that mines the jazz tradition while exploring new improvisational forms. Grant has appeared on major concert stages from the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall to the Monterey, Telluride, and San Francisco Jazz Festivals, and has been a guest on Marian McPartland’s Piano Jazz on NPR. “All 4 Naught” features Darrell Grant on piano, Eric Gruber on bass, and Tyson Stubelek on drums, along with special guests to be announced.

The complete MJF 2015 roster features some of Portland’s top musical talent, some returning from last year, and others making their MJF debut. All share a dedication to actively composing and presenting new works. See the complete lineup at [montavillajazzfest.com/artists](http://montavillajazzfest.com/artists).

**Times:** Saturday, August 15, 2015 2:00 p.m.–10:30 p.m., and Sunday, August 16, 2015 2:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. both days.

**Saturday Schedule:** 2:00–Rich Halley 4\*; 3:10–George Colligan Quartet; 4:20–Ryan Meagher; 5:30–Alan Jones Sextet; 6:40–Portland Jazz Composers’ Ensemble; 8:00–Darrell Grant All 4 Naught; 9:40–Ian Christensen Quartet. \*CD Release Performance.

**Sunday Schedule:** 2:00–Ed Bennett Quintet; 3:10–Tim Willcox’s Superjazzers\*; 4:20–Joe Manis Trio\*; 5:30–David Friesen Circle 3 Trio; 6:40–John Gross Trio; 8:00–Machete Order. \*CD Release Performance.

**Location:** Portland Metro Arts, 9003 SE Stark St., Portland, OR 97216 (on-street parking available).

**Tickets:** Saturday or Sunday day pass: \$10-\$25 sliding scale.

General admission day passes are available for purchase only at the box office during festival hours on both days.

This year the Montavilla Neighborhood Association has created the **Montavilla Schools Music Fund (MSMF)**, a new effort to enhance music education in Montavilla public schools. All ticket revenue goes toward the MSMF and next year’s festival budget.

**Outdoor food court with music:** Also new in 2015! The festival has added on-site food and beverage options courtesy of Portland Mercado’s Mixteca Catering and The Wine Nomad. The food court will also feature music by local student musicians.

**MJF 2015 Sponsors:** More than fifty local businesses have contributed as sponsors and in-kind partners to make MJF 2015 happen. Many are within walking distance of the festival. Organizers encourage attendees to shop, get a bite to eat, or simply relax and socialize at these businesses during their visit to Montavilla. See a complete listing of our generous sponsors and partners at [montavillajazzfest.com/sponsors](http://montavillajazzfest.com/sponsors).

**After-hours jam session:** Saturday, August 15, 11:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m. at East Glisan Pizza Lounge 8001 NE Glisan St., Portland, OR 97213, hosted by Alan Jones Academy of Music.

For more information, please visit: [montavillajazzfest.com](http://montavillajazzfest.com).

To schedule interviews, speak to festival organizers, and volunteer opportunities please contact: Fritz Hirsch, Managing Director, at [fritz@montavillajazzfest.com](mailto:fritz@montavillajazzfest.com), 971-407-6744.

Montavilla Jazz Festival is a project of the Montavilla Neighborhood Association, and is fiscally sponsored by SE Uplift, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and coalition of 20 Portland neighborhoods.

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