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Schedule Announced for Montavilla Jazz Festival 2016

*Explore new frontiers in jazz with top local artists, August 20-21, 2016 at
Portland Metro Arts, day passes \$10-\$25*

PORTLAND, Oregon—June 29, 2016—What is jazz? More importantly, where is it headed? At the Montavilla Jazz Festival (MJF), the future of the art form is at the forefront of the experience. With local Portland artists from across the spectrum of musical expression, attendees will hear from pioneers creating new frontiers in jazz.

Now in its third year, MJF 2016 will be hosted at Portland Metro Arts, 9003 SE Stark Street in Portland, Oregon, on August 20–21, 2016. General admission day passes will be available for purchase at the box office only during festival hours. Passes are sold on a sliding scale from \$10-\$25, and a portion of ticket sales benefit the Montavilla Schools Music Fund. As a project of the Montavilla Neighborhood Association, MJF's mission is to support local artists while creating an accessible cultural experience for all.

"The artists featured at this year's festival are truly creating new frontiers in jazz," said Fritz Hirsch, managing director of MJF. "Our goal is to support local jazz artists and provide a wonderful cultural experience for the community while shining a light on the need for music education. With the support of the Montavilla Neighborhood Association, SE Uplift, festival sponsors, and the work of many volunteers, we are honored to present a dynamic music festival that is as unique as the city of Portland."

This year, several extraordinary local musicians will perform new compositions as well as host visiting world-class musicians in their ensembles. Check out the full artist schedule below and visit www.montavillajazzfest.com for more information on the artists performing at MJF 2016.

Montavilla Jazz Festival 2016 Features Local Artists with World-Class Talent

This year, the festival will feature one of Portland's most celebrated jazz performers and composers, multi-instrumentalist George Colligan. As the headliner for both nights, Colligan will perform on the opening night with the Portland Jazz Composers Ensemble, unveiling a new composition, *Fathers and Sons*. He'll then take the stage on the second evening in a piano trio setting with Boris Kozlov (bassist, arranger, and musical director

for the Mingus Big Band) and Rudy Royston (drummer for Bill Frisell, Less McCann, and Ravi Coltrane).

Additionally, top artists on the Portland jazz scene will be performing throughout the festival. Highlights include Trio Uncontrollable featuring guitarist Dan Balmer; Jeff Baker–Phrases featuring pianist Darrell Grant; Batida Diferente featuring pianist and composer Kerry Politzer; and Scenes, featuring guitarist John Stowell, bassist Jeff Johnson, and drummer John Bishop.

“Artistic expression is the foundation of a free-thinking and culturally rich society,” said Douglas Detrick, executive director of the Portland Jazz Composers Ensemble. “What we love about the Montavilla Jazz Festival is the encouragement from the community to take risks, explore new territories, and express ideas that can resonate across boundaries. We are thrilled to perform with Portland’s legendary pianist and composer, George Colligan, and unveil his new composition, *Fathers and Sons*. The audience will be in for an adventure as we guide them on a journey of deeper understanding and expression of paternal relationships and family, which are often filled with a wide range of emotions.”

Schedule of Artists: Montavilla Jazz Festival 2016

Saturday, August 20, 2016

- 2:00 p.m. – The 3 Trumpet Band
- 3:10 p.m. – Todd Bishop
- 4:20 p.m. – The Gordon Lee Quartet featuring Warren Rand
- 5:40 p.m. – The InBetweens
- 6:50 p.m. – Jeff Baker – Phrases featuring Darrell Grant
- 8:10 p.m. – George Colligan: *Fathers and Sons* with the Portland Jazz Composers Ensemble

Sunday, August 21, 2016

- 2:00 p.m. – Jessika Smith Big Band
- 3:10 p.m. – Thomas Barber's Spiral Road
- 4:20 p.m. – Scenes
- 5:40 p.m. – Batida Diferente
- 6:50 p.m. – Trio Uncontrollable featuring Dan Balmer
- 8:10 p.m. – George Colligan Trio with Boris Kozlov and Rudy Royston

Arts for All Program Keeps the Festival Accessible to Everyone

As one of America's original art forms, jazz music has a strong legacy of being created by the people, for the people. It is important for the Montavilla Neighborhood Association to continue the tradition by helping to make the festival accessible to everyone.

This year, the Montavilla Jazz Festival is proud to become a member of the Arts for All program, administered by the Regional Arts and Culture Council. Anyone enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is eligible to purchase up to two (2) Montavilla Jazz Festival passes for \$5 per pass when they present their SNAP Oregon Trail Card at the box office.

If you are interested in getting involved in the festival for sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, please use the contact information listed below. A healthy artistic community creates a vibrant and open society. Please join us at the festival and support local jazz.

Passes

General admission day passes are available for purchase only at the box office during festival hours on both days. Passes are \$10-\$25 on a sliding scale.

Contact

- For media inquiries, sponsorship opportunities and general questions, please contact: info@montavillajazzfest.com.
- For volunteer opportunities, please contact: volunteers@montavillajazzfest.com.
- For more information, please visit: www.montavillajazzfest.com and www.facebook.com/montavillajazzfestival.

About Montavilla Jazz Festival

The Montavilla Jazz Festival supports and strengthens local music culture and enriches the community by showcasing the best of Portland's originally composed, progressive jazz. 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 twenty Portland neighborhoods.

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