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ANNOUNCING MUSIC IN THE AIR'S 2005 SEASON

(Columbus, Ohio) – Music in the Air, a program of the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department, a summer tradition since 1973, celebrates its thirty-third season this year. The 2005 season offers a variety of outdoor performances and runs from June through September. Admission to all events is free.

Festival Latino presented by American Family Insurance

Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18

noon – midnight

Downtown Riverfront

Food, fun, fiesta! Join us for the 10th anniversary celebration of the largest Hispanic/Latino event in Ohio. Experience four stages of authentic dance and music and taste Latin American cuisine. Shop for traditional arts and crafts, participate in hands-on activities in the Children's Area, join in the Samba Celebration and watch local soccer teams compete in Copa Festival Latino!

Featuring local and international musicians Banda Arkangel R-15, Ismael Miranda, Los Gavilanes de La Cumbia, Ilusion, Sonora Carruseles, Sones de México, Sumakta, Truco & Zaperoko and more!

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Columbus Jazz & Rib Fest

Friday, June 22, 11 a.m.– 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 23, 11 a.m.– 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 24, 11 a.m.– 8:30 p.m.

Downtown Riverfront

Hot summer, cool jazz. The tantalizing aroma of ribs on the grill mixed with cool jazz makes a combination that is undeniably delicious. Ribbers from nine states will serve more than 50 tons of ribs during the festival while renowned jazz stars provide the perfect sizzle for this highly anticipated summertime event.

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This year features two stages of local and international jazz performances including Cheveré, Ignacio “Nachito” Herrera, Lavay Smith & Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers and Bobby Sanabria with ¡Quarteto Aché!

Don’t forget the rib judging! Judging categories for Best Ribs include: Critic’s Choice, Critic’s Hometown Choice, Celebrity Choice and People’s Choice.

Short North Sunday Jazz Series presented by Smooth Jazz WJZA

Sundays, July and August

Noon

Goodale Park Gazebo

Take a lazy Sunday afternoon to relax in the park with the inspired sounds of Columbus’ best jazz musicians. Bring your morning coffee or a picnic lunch and enjoy great music in a beautiful setting.

July 10	Roger Myers Quartet featuring Keith Knewton
July 17	Tom Carroll Trio
July 31	Honk Wail and Moan
August 7	The Missing Link Jazz Ensemble
August 14	Postal
August 21	Dwight Lenox and the Lenox Avenue Express Trio

The Motorists Insurance Group Topiary Garden Concerts

Tuesdays, July and August

11:30 a.m.

Old Deaf School Park

Perk up your lunch hour with great music and enjoy the enchanting topiary depiction of Georges Seurat’s painting “A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte.”

July 12	Lay-Z-Boy and the Recliners, rockabilly
July 26	Jared Mahone and Band, feel-good grooves
August 2	Ron Hope Jazz Ensemble, jazz
August 9	Island Breeze, calypso
August 16	Vocal Impact, standards with swing
August 23	Deighton Charlemagne Duo, steel drums

Rhythm on the River

Select Fridays
Riverfront Amphitheater

July 29

7:00 p.m. New Basics Brass Band
9:00 p.m. Terrance Simien and the Zydeco Experience

August 26 BalletMet

8:00 p.m. Columbus' only professional ballet troupe performs company favorites as well as a preview of the upcoming 2005-06 season.

Grange Insurance Family Fun Fest

Saturday, September 17, noon – 9 p.m.

Sunday, September 18, noon – 5 p.m.

Riverfront Amphitheater & Genoa Park

Fall into fun! This family festival features the best fall activities for kids of all ages. There will be more than 50 free, interactive programs and exhibits that combine education and fun. Make sure your family doesn't miss the spectacular 3-D fireworks display Saturday evening.

The Grange Insurance Family Fun Fest is produced by the Office of Special Events and Music in the Air, programs of the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department. Sponsors include: Grange Insurance, The Grange Bank, WBNS 97.1 FM, WBNS 10TV and Time Warner Cable.

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