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DIANNE REEVES, SPYRO GYRA AND MINGUS BIG BAND HEADLINE 2006 JAZZ & RIB FEST

(Columbus, OH) – There’s no better way to celebrate summer than with great food and music. The tantalizing aroma of ribs on the grill mixed with cool jazz makes a combination that is undeniably delicious. Join us at the downtown riverfront for the 27th annual Jazz & Rib Fest, July 21 and 22 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and July 23 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Performance Schedule

Friday, July 21

Bicentennial Park Stage		Riverfront Amphitheater	
11:30 a.m.	Dave Powers Trio	11:30 a.m.	Tim Cummiskey Quartet
4:00 p.m.	Postal	4:00 p.m.	Talisha Holmes
6:00 p.m.	Kathy Kosins Quartet with guest Shawn “Thunder” Wallace	6:00 p.m.	Hiromi
8:40 p.m.	Papo Vazquez, Pirates & Troubadours	8:40 p.m.	Kevin Mahogany and Red Holloway

Saturday, July 22

Bicentennial Park Stage		Riverfront Amphitheater	
11:00 a.m.	Ft. Hayes Jazz All-Stars	11:00 a.m.	Blue Hour
		12:30 p.m.	Mark Lomax
2:00 p.m.	The Jazz Poetry Ensemble	2:00 p.m.	LDB3
4:00 p.m.	Ralph Bowen with the Eshelman Brothers	4:00 p.m.	Honk, Wail & Moan
6:00 p.m.	Lafayette Gilchrist	6:00 p.m.	Liquid Soul
9:00 p.m.	Dianne Reeves	8:40 p.m.	Spyro Gyra

Sunday, July 23

Bicentennial Park Stage		Riverfront Amphitheater	
11:00 a.m.	Missing Link Jazz Ensemble featuring Debe	11:00 a.m.	Toll House Jazz Band
12:30 p.m.	Zamar	12:30 p.m.	Bryan Olsheski Quartet
2:00 p.m.	Mark Flugge Trio	2:00 p.m.	Brett Allen Group
4:00 p.m.	Columbus Youth Jazz Orchestra	4:00 p.m.	Christian Howes and Friends
6:00 p.m.	Mingus Big Band	6:00 p.m.	Louis Hayes and Cannonball Adderley’s Legacy Band

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ARTIST BIOGRAPHIES

Dianne Reeves - Columbus will be the first stop for four-time Grammy Award winner Dianne Reeves following a three-week tour of Europe. Her most recent Grammy comes as a result of her performance on the critically acclaimed soundtrack, *Good Night, and Good Luck*. Reeves is arguably the preeminent jazz vocalist performing in the world today. She has recorded and performed extensively with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis. She has also recorded with Daniel Barenboim and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and was a featured soloist with Sir Simon Rattle and the Berlin Philharmonic.

Mingus Big Band - The Mingus Big Band celebrates the music of composer and bassist Charles Mingus, 1922–1979. Under the artistic direction of Sue Mingus, this 14-piece band performs each Tuesday night at the Iridium Jazz Club in Midtown Manhattan, and tours extensively in the United States and abroad. Mingus Big Band has eight recordings to its credit, four of which have been nominated for Grammys, including their most recent album *I Am Three*.

Spyro Gyra - For more than 30 years, Spyro Gyra has been effortlessly combining elements of jazz, R&B, Latin, Brazilian and even Caribbean music. Formed circa 1974 in Buffalo by high school friends alto-saxman Jay Beckenstein and keyboardist Jeremy Wall, Spyro Gyra has gone from performing instrumental covers of popular R&B tunes in clubs to becoming one of the most prolific and commercially successful groups on the scene.

Kevin Mahogany and Red Holloway - From bop to blues, ballads to swing, Kansas City-born Kevin Mahogany has proven to be a quintessential jazz vocalist. Mahogany is joined by big-toned, tenor saxophone great James W. "Red" Holloway. A Chicago native, Red Holloway has been touring internationally for more than 50 years with numerous big bands, blues and R&B acts.

Papo Vazquez, Pirates & Troubadours - Trombonist, composer and arranger, Papo Vazquez and his Afro-Puerto Rican contemporary jazz band, *Pirates & Troubadours*, build on bomba and plena rhythms to generate high energy music with a Puerto Rican flair. Vazquez has toured with the Ray Charles Orchestra and Dizzy Gillespie's United Nations Orchestra.

Louis Hayes & Cannonball Adderley's Legacy Band - Alto saxophonist Julian "Cannonball" Adderley led one of the most popular jazz groups in the early '60s. For 30 years, original quintet member and exceptionally gifted bop drummer Louis Hayes has kept the rhythm pumping and the music of Cannonball Adderley alive through his Legacy Band. For decades, Hayes has been an energetic musical catalyst leading some of the most swinging groups from the jazz world.

Hiromi - Pianist/composer Hiromi's eclectic mix of classical, rock and jazz first mesmerized the jazz community in 2003 with her debut album, *Another Mind*, which won the Recording Industry Association of Japan's (RIAJ) "Jazz Album of the Year" award.

Liquid Soul - Hailing from Chicago, Liquid Soul's trademark mixture of jazz and urban dance music incorporates everything from hard-bop to hip-hop. They have opened for Sting, played at the Inaugural Parade and headlined the first acid-jazz performance at the Newport Jazz Festival.

Lafayette Gilchrist - Baltimore-based pianist Lafayette Gilchrist creates musical compositions that are rooted in jazz tradition yet equally alive with flourishes of funk, go-go and hip-hop. Gilchrist's evolved musical vision sits at the cutting edge of the progressive jazz movement.

Kathy Kosins - With a critically acclaimed voice and eclectic musical palette, this Detroit native has a natural ability to infuse her original material with the romance of the swing era.

Ralph Bowen and the Eshelman Brothers - Joining the Eshelman Brothers' soulful organ, excellent jazz tuba and boogie-woogie piano is tenor sax master Ralph Bowen. Bowen made his mark on the New York jazz scene in the mid-1980s, touring and recording solos with numerous notable jazz musicians.

Honk, Wail and Moan - The cookin' rhythm section, hot horns and pleasing vocals of Honk, Wail and Moan will be joined by former SunRa dancer Cheryl Banks-Smith and the percussion improvisations of Stephen "Breeze" Smith.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Take a break at the **American Family Insurance Relaxation Station**. Pull up a chair under the shade and cool off with a complimentary hand fan at the top of the Riverfront Amphitheater or in Bicentennial Park.

Step inside a whole new world, the **AT&T Blue Room**. It's not your typical tent. It's a digital world of laptops, high-speed internet, digital satellite TV and more. Download your favorite songs, burn a CD and get hands-on demos of the latest AT&T digital products and services for your world.

Stop by Rich St. and Civic Center Dr. on Friday, 6–7:30 p.m. or Saturday, 2:30–4 p.m. to have your photo taken with **"Bud Man"** (ages 21+ only please). Sponsored by **Budweiser Select**, a premium, American-style lager developed at the Columbus Anheuser-Busch brewery.

Beer lovers 21 and over can sample Ohio's new specialty brew, **Burnin' Helles** and meet Columbus Anheuser-Busch brewery ambassadors. Friday, 6–8 p.m. and Saturday 2–4 p.m. at Town St. & Civic Center Dr.

The **Burt's Bees Bee-utify Your World Tour** is pampering women nationwide. Product sampling and unique demonstrations will leave you feeling happy, relaxed and with a better understanding of how to treat yourself.

CareerBuilder.com is the largest online job network with more than 20 million unique visitors and over one million job listings. Please stop by the CareerBuilder.com booth to spin the prize wheel for instant prizes and enter the sweepstakes for a state-of-the-art home office!

The **John Deere Ride & Drive Experience** gives you the opportunity to test drive several models of John Deere riding lawn equipment through a specially designed obstacle course. Test driving is available to persons over the age of 16. Come and see why "Nothing Runs Like a Deere."

The National Marine Manufacturers Association's **Discover Boating & Take Me Fishing Tour** features a \$10,000 boating giveaway, an outdoor showroom displaying the latest boats, the Yamaha Fishing Experience simulator and new this year, the exciting Hydro Thunder futuristic boating simulator. Experience the fun and discover which boat is right for you.

Smooth Jazz WJZA is the place to relax! Register at our booth for a chance to win a trip for two in the continental U.S., Mexico, Canada, or the Caribbean...as part of our Trip-A-Day Giveaway! Stop by the Smooth Jazz, WJZA 103.5/104.3 booth for contest details.

Stop by the **T-Mobile** booth and feel free to use our courtesy phones available for Jazz & Rib Fest! Check out our newest phones with the best plans in wireless!

Visit the **Town Street Bridge** exhibitors and lifestyle booths. Purchase sunglasses, jewelry, t-shirts, hats and more.

Bounce, slide and climb through an inflatable wonderland made especially for kids.

Look like a superhero or your favorite animal with full-face painting from **Funtastic Faces**.

Stop by the **Information Tent** to pick up the official Jazz & Rib Fest program, information on other Music in the Air programs and vote for your favorite rib burner. Also, purchase a limited edition 2006 Jazz & Rib Fest T-Shirt.

Rib Burners

<i>Armadillo's</i>	<i>Gilbert's Rib King BBQ</i>	<i>Retired Armed Forces Assoc.</i>
<i>Butch's BBQ</i>	<i>H. Johnson BBQ</i>	<i>Rib-bins BBQ</i>
<i>Chicago Barbecue Company</i>	<i>J & J Catering</i>	<i>Sanjohs BBQ</i>
<i>Cowboys</i>	<i>Joey's Texas Thunder</i>	<i>Schmidt's of German Village</i>
<i>D.D. Stutz's</i>	<i>Johnson's BBQ</i>	<i>Smoke Shack</i>
<i>Desperado's BBQ & Rib Co.</i>	<i>Open Hands Catering</i>	<i>Smokin' Joe's</i>
<i>Down Home Barbeque & Grill</i>	<i>Pigfoot BBQ Co.</i>	<i>Texas Outlaws BBQ</i>
<i>Famous Dave's</i>	<i>Porky N Beans</i>	

Rib Judging

Trophies will be awarded for Critic's Choice, Critic's Hometown Choice, Big Whigs' Pig Award and People's Choice. People's Choice ballots are available at the Information Tent in Bicentennial Park, First-Aid locations and Smooth Jazz WJZA and American Family Insurance booths. All ballots must be received by Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Award winning rib burners will be announced on Sunday at 5:15 p.m. at Bicentennial Park Stage and Riverfront Amphitheater. The trophy presentation will be at Bicentennial Park Stage, Sunday at 5:15 p.m.

Calendar Information – 2006 Jazz & Rib Fest

Date & Time: Friday, July 21, 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Saturday, July 22, 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Sunday, July 23, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Location: Bicentennial Park and Genoa Park, Downtown Riverfront

Description: Join us downtown at Jazz & Rib Fest for hot ribs and cool jazz. Admission is free!

Jazz & Rib Fest is produced by Music in the Air and the Office of Special Events, programs of the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department. Sponsorship is provided by Budweiser Select, WCMH NBC4, American Family Insurance, Smooth Jazz WJZA, AT&T Blue Room, John Deere Ride & Drive Experience, Burt's Bees, National Marine Manufacturers Association, CareerBuilder.com, Tums, SunPark, T-Mobile, Crowne Plaza, Ohio CAT, Cintas, Columbia Gas of Ohio and The Piano Gallery.

Additional support provided by ASCAP, Class Acts Columbus, Inc., Columbus Fire Department Explorer Post 310, Hopkins Printing, Rickabaugh Graphics and SESAC.

Information:

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