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POPULAR "JAZZ IN THE GARDEN" RETURNS FOR FOURTH YEAR IN NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART SCULPTURE GARDEN EVERY FRIDAY, 5 - 8 P.M., JUNE 4-SEPTEMBER 3, 2004



Origem performing Brazilian Jazz. Photo by Dean Beasom, © National Gallery of Art.

Washington, DC - An eclectic mix of jazz from swing and blues harmonica to Brazilian can be heard in the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden every Friday evening from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., June 4 through September 3. Top local and regional artists perform in front of the Pavilion Café, next to the grand fountain and reflecting pool. Visitors can enjoy cool jazz during warm summer evenings while enjoying a snack and beverage inside or outside.

Visit www.nga.gov/programs/jazz.htm (http://www.nga.gov/programs/jazz.htm) for up-to-date information on the Jazz in the Garden concerts series. The schedule for this season is:

June 4

Dave Kline, Latin jazz

June 11

Jerry Gordon, jazz guitar

June 18

Latin Jazz All-Stars, Latin jazz

June 25

Bruce Ewan, blues harmonica

July 2

Federal Jazz Commission, classic jazz

July 9

The Grandsons, roots and swing

July 16

Perry Conticchio Quartet, jazz saxophone

July 23

Thad Wilson Quintet, jazz trumpet and flugelhorn

July 30

Baile del Mundo, Brazilian and Cuban jazz

Aug. 6

Nicki Gonzalez Band, jazzy pop

Aug.13

Gypsy Strings, world music

Aug. 20

Raggs & the All Stars, big band swing

Aug. 27

Trio Balanca, Brazilian and jazz classics

Sept. 3

Joshua Bayer Quartet, jazz guitar

Situated at a preeminent location on the National Mall, the 6.1-acre Sculpture Garden is planted with perennials, ground covers, shrubs, and flowering trees, and provides a distinctive setting for 17 major works of 20th-century sculpture by internationally renowned artists. The sculptures range in size from a few feet to nearly 20 feet high and are constructed of a variety of materials from bronze to concrete block. For detailed information about the Sculpture Garden, visit www.nga.gov/exhibitions/sculptureinfo.htm (http://www.nga.gov/exhibitions/sculptureinfo.htm).

The hours of the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden from Memorial Day through Labor Day are Monday through Thursday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Pavilion Café stays open until 8:00 p.m. on Fridays and until 6:00 p.m. the rest of the week.

Admission to the Sculpture Garden and jazz performances is free of charge. The National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden is located at Seventh Street and Constitution Avenue NW, on the National Mall, in the block adjacent to the West Building of the Gallery. The nearest Metro stations are Archives/Navy Memorial (Green/Yellow lines), Smithsonian (Blue/Orange lines), and Judiciary Square (Red line).

The Friday night jazz series is sponsored by Guest Services, Inc., and the National Gallery of Art. The National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden was given to the nation by The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation.

For specific information about the Pavilion Café *Jazz in the Garden* concerts, call (202) 289-3360.

General Information

The National Gallery of Art and its Sculpture Garden are at all times free to the public. They are located on the National Mall between 3rd and 9th Streets along Constitution Avenue NW and are open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Gallery is closed on December 25 and January 1. With the exception of the atrium and library, the galleries in the East Building will be closing gradually beginning in July 2013 and will remain closed for approximately three years for Master Facilities Plan and renovations. For specific updates on gallery closings, visit www.nga.gov/renovation (http://www.nga.gov/renovation).

For information call (202) 737-4215 or the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (202) 842-6176, or visit the Gallery's website at www.nga.gov. Follow the Gallery on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NationalGalleryofArt and on Twitter at twitter.com/ngadc.

Visitors will be asked to present all carried items for inspection upon entering. Checkrooms are free of charge and located at each entrance. Luggage and other oversized bags must be presented at the 4th Street entrances to the East or West Building to permit x-ray screening and must be deposited in the checkrooms at those entrances. For the safety of visitors and the works of art, nothing may be carried into the Gallery on a visitor's back. Any bag or other items that cannot be carried reasonably and safely in some other manner must be left in the checkrooms. Items larger than 17 by 26 inches cannot be accepted by the Gallery or its checkrooms.

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