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Eleventh Season of *Jazz in The Garden* Concert Series Begins on May 27 at the National Gallery of Art



Concertgoers enjoy *Jazz in the Garden* among works of art like Mark di Suvero's *Aurora* (1992–1993) in the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden

Washington, DC—The *Jazz in the Garden* concert series, the National Gallery of Art's beloved summer tradition, begins its 11th season on Friday, May 27, with weekly performances through Friday, September 9. The free concert series features an array of jazz artists performing a wide variety of styles—including salsa, blues, vibraphone, and Afrofunk—every Friday evening from 5:00 to 8:30 at the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden, rain or shine. Mark Prince's performance on June 3 also marks the fifth year of *Jazz in the Garden's* collaboration with the DC Jazz Festival.

Concerts take place amid the Gallery's collection of large-scale sculpture by modern and contemporary artists such as Louise Bourgeois, Roy Lichtenstein, Tony Smith, Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen, and Roxy Paine. The relaxed garden setting and friendly cultural atmosphere has made this event a favorite Friday evening destination for Washingtonians and visitors of all ages. Musicians perform in front of the Pavilion Café while visitors sit around the grand central fountain or relax on a blanket on the beautifully landscaped grounds. Guests may pick up food and beverages from the Pavilion Café and its carts located around the Garden or bring their own picnics.*

Jazz in the Garden is sponsored by Guest Services, Inc., and the National Gallery of Art.

Performances

In case of inclement weather, concerts are held inside the Pavilion Café. The schedule for this season's Friday evening concerts is as follows:

May 27: Origem (Brazilian jazz)

June 3: DC Jazz Festival presents Mark Prince (progressive jazz)

June 10: Deanna Bogart ("blusion," blues fusion)

June 17: John Lee (guitar fusion jazz/rock)

June 24: Sheila Ross (jazz vocalist)

July 1: Rumba Club (Latin jazz/salsa)

July 8: Uptown Vocal Jazz Quartet (vocal ensemble)

July 15: Con Candela (Cuban jazz)

July 22: Elikeh (Afro-funk from Togo)

July 29: Incendio (acoustic Latin guitar world fusion jazz)

August 5: Alan Wonneberger and Company (double drummers)

August 12: Chuck Redd (jazz vibraphonist)

August 19: Alex Brown (jazz pianist)

August 26: Bill Burke (8-string tap-style guitarist) and Bruce Ewan (blues band)

September 2: Bruno Nasta (jazz violinist) and the United States Naval Academy Band, "The Next Wave" (jazz ensemble)

September 9: The Greg Hatza ORGANization (Hammond B-3 organ)

To learn more about Jazz in the Garden concerts and performers, please visit www.nga.gov/jazz or call (202) 289-3360.

Refreshments from the Pavilion Café

A special menu of appetizers, entrées, and salads is available inside the Pavilion Café, while an outdoor grill provides barbecue pork sandwiches, beef and chicken kabobs, Italian sausages, and salmon sandwiches. A gelato cart is also conveniently located near the fountain. A variety of beverages—beer, wine, sangria, mixed drinks, and soda—is sold on-site.* View the full *Jazz in the Garden* menu at www.jazzinthegarden.com.

Pick Up a Picnic Basket

Savvy concertgoers may skip the lines and avoid the hassle of bringing their own picnics by preordering the Pavilion Café's signature **Jazz in the Garden Picnic Basket**. At a budget-conscious \$30, the keepsake basket (serving two) offers artisanal bread baguettes, meats, and such cheeses as Wensleydale cranberry and smoked Gouda, gourmet dips and spreads flavored with smoked salmon and artichoke, fresh summer fruits, and bottled Saratoga water. Wine by the bottle can be included for an additional price.* Guests may preorder baskets and wines by the bottle at www.jazzinthegarden.com or by calling (202) 289-3360. Baskets may also be purchased at the Pavilion Café, availability permitting.

****Alcoholic beverages may not be brought to the premises from outside and are subject to confiscation.***

Sculpture Garden

Designed to offer year-round enjoyment to the public in one of the preeminent locations on the National Mall, the 6.1-acre National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden opened to the public on May 23, 1999. The richly landscaped setting provides a distinctive backdrop for 17 monumental works of 20th-century sculpture by internationally renowned artists. Visitors may enjoy spacious seating and walking areas amid the native American canopy and flowering trees, shrubs, ground covers, and perennials. The National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden was given to the nation by The Morris and

Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation. More information about the Sculpture Garden is available at www.nga.gov/sculpture (<http://www.nga.gov/sculpture>) .

Hours and Location

The summer hours of the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden, May 27 through September 9, are as follows:

Monday through Thursday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Pavilion Café remains open until 8:30 p.m. on Fridays during the *Jazz in the Garden* concert series, and until 6:00 p.m. the rest of the week.

*In order to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience, alcoholic beverages may not be brought to the premises from the outside and are subject to confiscation. Security officers reserve the right to inspect coolers upon entry to the Garden. No tables, bicycles, rollerblades, skateboards, or animals except service animals are permitted in the Garden.

Located on the National Mall at 7th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, in the block adjacent to the West Building of the Gallery, the Sculpture Garden is accessible to visitors with disabilities.

The nearest Metro stations are Archives/Navy Memorial (Green/Yellow Lines), Smithsonian (Blue/Orange Lines), and Judiciary Square (Red Line). The DC Circulator Bus stops at 4th Street and Madison Drive NW, and on 7th Street and Constitution Avenue NW.

Bicycle parking is available near the entrances to the Sculpture Garden on Constitution Avenue and Madison Drive.

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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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