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OLD TOWN JAZZED FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

Lansing, Mich. (Aug. 4, 2011) – On Friday, August 5, Old Town will be ablaze with music, food, community and culture when the 17th annual Lansing JazzFest takes off. The corner of Turner Street and East Grand River Avenue expects to see over 10,000 music lovers for another free two-day community event.

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Friday kicks off at 4:30pm with Lansing favorites **Jeff Shoup Quartet featuring Tamara Mayers**. Known for her multi-genre-infused jazz compositions and arrangements, Mayers' silky resonance keeps crowds singing and dancing. At the same time, celebrate **happy hour** in the beverage tent (free admission for ages 21+), lasting from 4-6pm.

Next up is **Lisa Smith**, a smooth, sultry jazz singer thrice-voted by LSJ readers as "Favorite Jazz Act in Lansing," followed by the world sounds of **Dave Sharp's Secret Seven** featuring Hindustani vocalist Parag Ray and the Celtic jazz of **Maeve Gilchrist Trio**.

At 9pm, headliner **Dr. E** takes the stage. The soulful, open-hearted, raw-yet-refined talent of Dr. E, makes this Columbus, Ohio-based songstress a fast-rising jazz and soul star who shares her resonating soul with her audiences. Dr. E's eclectic musical influences have evolved into a style hallmarked by warm, bluesy tones, infectious rhythms, fiery fretwork, and caressing vocals soaked in soul. This former East Lansing resident's vocal range, versatility, and stage presence have been compared to artists such as Stephanie Mills, Patti LaBelle, Ladisi, and Chaka Kahn.

Closing out the night is **The Tyrone Johnson Funk Fusion Group**, sharing their jazz/funk/pop/rock fusion.

Beyond performances, Friday night, the festival will also offer clinics by Dr. E and Elden Kelly (guitar), children's activities in the Kidz Beat area, food and craft vendors, and riverboat tours.

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The Lansing JazzFest is a free community music festival, attracting attendees from across the city, state, and region. It is produced annually by the Michigan Institute for Contemporary Art (MICA), a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that serves as a catalyst for community development through quality arts programming. See www.jazzlansing.com or call 517-371-4600 for more information.

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Lansing JazzFest 2011 Schedule

Friday, August 5, 2011

MESSAGEMAKERS STAGE

4:30-6:30 pm Jeff Shoup Quartet featuring Tamara Mayers

7:30-9:00 pm Dave Sharp's Secret Seven

10:30 pm-12:30 am The Tyrone Johnson Funk Fusion Group

JACKSON NATIONAL STAGE

6:30-7:30 pm Lisa Smith

9:00-10:30 pm Dr. E

MICA STAGE

5:00-6:00 pm Dr. E Clinic

6:15-7:15 pm Elden Kelly Guitar Clinic

7:30-8:30 pm Maeve Gilchrist Trio

Saturday, August 6, 2011

MESSAGEMAKERS STAGE

2:00-3:00 pm Lanswingers & LCC Jazz Band

3:00-4:00 pm Ray Kamalay

5:00-6:00 pm Marcus Elliot Quartet

7:30-9:00 pm Nicole Mitchell Quartet

10:30 pm-12:30 am Los Gatos

JACKSON NATIONAL STAGE

4:00-5:00 pm Peter Nelson Quartet

6:00-7:30 pm Elden Kelly & the Global Roots Jazz Collective

9:00-10:30 pm Straight Ahead

MICA STAGE

1:00-2:00 pm Children's Ballet Theatre

2:00-3:00 pm Happendance's Community Dance Project

3:00-4:00 pm Jeff Shoup Drum Clinic

4:45-5:45 pm Nicole Mitchell Clinic

6:00-7:00 pm Marion Hayden Clinic

7:00-8:00 pm Cory Allen Guitar Clinic

8:00-9:00 pm Pete Siers Music Clinic

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