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LANSING JAZZFEST – MOST DIVERSE TALENT EVER

Lansing, Mich. (July 1, 2011) – Lansing JazzFest, held Friday, August 5 and Saturday, August 6, 2011 at the corner of Turner St. and E. Grand River Ave., is pleased to announce this year's performers.

Headline performances range from the amazing jazz fluting of Nicole Mitchell Quartet to soulful Dr. E to Straight Ahead's mix of straight and funky jazz.

Local favorites will be on hand, from Lisa Smith's smooth jazz to Jeff Shoup Quartet with Tamara Mayers to Lanswingers & LCC Jazz Band.

Unique jazz experiences include Maeve Gilchrist Trio's Celtic jazz, Elden Kelly & the Global Roots Jazz Collective's use of the oud and the glissentar, Dave Sharp's Secret Seven featuring Hindustani vocalist Parag Ray, Latin jazz from Los Gatos, Peter Nelson Quartet's operatic vocals, Ray Kamalay's recreation of 1930s jazz, the jazz/funk/pop/rock fusion of The Tyrone Johnson Funk Fusion Group, and the saxophone compositions of Marcus Elliot Quartet.

In addition to musical performances, MICA will be hosting dance performances, music clinics, and children's activities (in the new and improved Kidz Beat area).

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. JazzFest is still accepting volunteers and sponsors. 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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