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FINAL FREE JAZZ CONCERT FEATURES CLAYTONS, WORKSHOP STUDENTS

Concert begins at 6pm in tented venue at Vail Square outside The Arrabelle Hotel

Vail, CO, September 1, 2009 – The final of five free concerts in the heart of Lionshead takes place on Thursday at 6pm, where today’s legends and tomorrow’s stars come together for a night of jammin’ jazz.

The Clayton Brothers Quintet, long time anchor of the annual Vail Jazz Party, will share their love of jazz on the Vail Square stage. Grammy award winner bassist/composer/conductor John Clayton will be joined by brother and co-leader Jeff Clayton on saxophone, Terell Stafford on trumpet, Bill Cunliffe on piano and Lewis Nash on drums.

“This is one of our favorite gigs of the entire year,” said John Clayton. “Playing in Vail Square is so cool, where we can create a beautiful blend of the music we love in this stunning setting,” continued Clayton.

Joining the Claytons will be the Vail Jazz All-Stars, a dozen of the most talented high school aged jazz musicians in North America, who will be completing a ten day intensive workshop in Vail with the Clayton Brothers Quintet. Thursday will be their opportunity to shine with one of the most accomplished jazz quintets of today.

“We are always amazed at the sheer potential of these young musicians,” said Clayton. “You don’t want to miss this unique and special performance.”

The final Jazz at Vail Square concert also kicks off the 15th annual Labor Day weekend party, hosted at the Vail Marriott Mountain Resort and in Vail Square September 3 – 7, and featuring Ann Hampton Callaway, Jeff Hamilton Trio, Brian Lynch Quintet, Dave Corbus, Joel Frahm, Wycliffe Gordon, Benny Green, Antonio Hart, Tony Monaco and many other great jazz musicians. Tickets start at \$45 and are on sale now at www.vailjazz.org.

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The Vail Jazz Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, celebrating 15 years of providing outstanding jazz music and jazz education programs in the Vail Valley of Colorado.

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