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FREE JAZZ CONCERT THURSDAY FEATURES CLAYTONS, WORKSHOP STUDENTS

Concert begins at 6 pm on Thursday, September 2

in tented venue at Vail Square outside the Arrabelle Hotel

Vail, CO, August 31, 2010 – Jazz at Vail

Square wraps up with the final free concert in the heart of Lionshead on Thursday at 6pm, where today's legends and tomorrow's stars come together for a night of jammin' jazz.

The show also kicks off the 16th annual Labor Day Weekend Party, a celebration of jazz including five nights and four days of today's finest musicians.



The Clayton Brothers Quintet is comprised of Grammy award winner bassist/composer/conductor John Clayton, co-leader Jeff Clayton on saxophone, Terell Stafford on trumpet, Bill Cunliffe on piano and Lewis Nash on drums.

"We love coming to Vail, it's like a second home for us," said John Clayton. "It's where it all comes together; the coolest artists playing with the cats who represent the future of jazz – our Vail Jazz All-Stars. And you can't beat the setting – it's always fun, always memorable," 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, who also serves as Director of Education for the Vail Jazz Foundation. "You don't want to miss this unique and special performance."

The final Jazz at Vail Square concert also kicks off the 16th 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, Wycliffe Gordon, Tony Monaco and over 25 of the greatest jazz musicians on the planet. The weekend includes Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evening performances at the Vail Marriott Grand Ballroom, and daytime performances on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, including some free sets with the Vail Jazz All-Stars. Tickets start at \$45; students are free with a paid adult ticket. Tickets are on sale now at www.vailjazz.org or at the door for each performance.

EVENT SPONSORS

Sponsors of the Vail Jazz Foundation include Alpine Bank, Alpine Party Rentals, The Arrabelle, Baker's Piano Center, BBE Sound, Colorado Council on the Arts, Colorado Mountain Express – Official Transportation Provider, Ella Fitzgerald Charitable Foundation, EverVail, Fly Vail, Hertz, Jack FM, KZYR – The Zephyr 97.7 FM, KUVO 89.3 & KVJZ 88.5 Jazz Public Radio, KVBA-TV8, Lionshead Merchants Association, National Endowment for the Arts, Notably Fine Audio, Plum TV, Ravenscroft Pianos, Ritz-Carlton Residences, Rocky Mountain Reprographics, The Jazz Cruise, Town of Vail, United Way Eagle River Valley, Vail Daily, Vail Resorts Echo, Vail Marriott Mountain Resort & Spa, Vail Valley Foundation, and many other businesses and private donors.

ABOUT THE VAIL JAZZ FOUNDATION

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