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Vail Jazz Party Announces Stellar Lineup for Labor Day Weekend

World renowned soloists, groups to feature at 16th annual celebration of jazz

July 29, 2010 – Vail, Colorado – The Vail Jazz Foundation is gearing up for the 16th annual Vail Jazz Party over Labor Day Weekend featuring over 30 outstanding jazz musicians performing over five days and four nights of traditional jazz. The performances will be held both in their traditional cabaret-style venue inside the Marriott Grand Ballroom, and new this year, five exciting jazz shows will be presented outside in Vail Square, Lionshead.

“We listen to our patrons. Their praise for our choice of artists is high, but they have expressed a desire to hear more jazz in the great outdoors,” said Howard Stone, chairman and artistic director of the Vail Jazz Foundation. “August always presents a challenge weather-wise, but with a tent that covers the band and seats up to 300 people, we plan to share the beauty of jazz with even more folks in Vail all weekend long,” continued Stone.

The Vail Jazz Party, also known as the Labor Day Weekend Party, is the culmination of the summer long Vail Jazz Festival. This unique mix of world-class musicians utilizes a one-of-a-kind format that includes group performances, multi-artist jam sessions and inspiring multi-media salutes to Jazz legends. Each year, up-and-coming “young lions” play alongside the living legends of jazz in an intimate venue, surrounded by the natural beauty of Vail. With over twenty-four hours of performances throughout the weekend (morning, noon and night), the audience and musicians are connected in a manner that consistently inspires great performances. The Vail Jazz Festival boasts a unique party spirit that attracts musicians and jazz lovers from all over the world.

Confirmed artists for the Labor Day Weekend Jazz Party include accomplished soloists, and sought after groups. Vocalist Ann Hampton Callaway will grace the Vail Jazz Party stage and will present a special salute to Ella Fitzgerald, while Grammy winning arranger and pianist Bill Cunliffe will present a tribute to Oscar Peterson. Back by popular demand will be trombonist Wycliffe Gordon, the Jeff Hamilton Trio and B-3 organist Tony Monaco. The Clayton Brothers Quintet will once again be a major force at the Jazz Party. The Clayton

Brothers Quintet, consisting of John and Jeff Clayton, Terrell Stafford, Bill Cunliffe and Lewis Nash, also doubles as educators-in-residence for the annual Vail Jazz Workshop, a week-long intensive course for promising high school-aged jazz musicians, which takes place in Vail during the week before Labor Day. The workshop students will also perform as the Vail Jazz All Stars, debuting Thursday, September 2 at Vail Square.

The lineup is completed by a number of acclaimed soloists, including Ernie Adams, Bobby Broom, Aaron Diehl, Donald Harrison, Ali Jackson, Scott Robinson, Ted Rosenthal, Byron Stripling, Martin Wind and Ben Wolfe. Chie Imaizumi and her little Big Band will play tunes off her soon to be released CD, while Tyree Morris & Hearts of Worship lead the Gospel Prayer Meetin' on Sunday morning at Vail Square.

Tickets, Passes and More Information

Tickets, passes, and gift certificates to the Labor Day Jazz Party can be purchased through the Vail Jazz Foundation office at 970.479.6146, or 888-VAIJAM (824-5526). Afternoon sessions are \$45, evening sessions are \$55, one day tickets including all performances are \$85, an all event Patron Pass includes dinner with the artists for \$350/person, and students with ID are free with a paid adult ticket. Online tickets are available for purchase at www.vailjazz.org – and a \$5/ticket discount is offered through July 31. Tickets and passes may also be purchased by calling 970.479.6146, or 888-VAIJAM (824-5526).

About the Vail Jazz Foundation

The Vail Jazz Foundation (VJF)'s mission is to perpetuate jazz music through live performances that showcase the artistry and talent of great jazz musicians, and through jazz education, with a focus on young musicians and young audiences. By taking jazz into the schools, the VJF hopes to create an awareness at a younger level, thus creating future audiences and potentially, future jazz musicians. The VJF is a 501 c 3 non-profit organization that is funded by private and corporate donations as well as grants, and is based in Vail, Colorado.

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