

THE Vail Jazz  
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INC.



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## **Vail Jazz Party Announces Stellar Lineup for Labor Day Weekend**

World renowned soloists, groups to feature at 16<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of jazz

June 2, 2010 – Vail, Colorado – The Vail Jazz Foundation is gearing up for the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 venue inside the Marriott Grand Ballroom, and new this year, five dynamic shows will be presented outside in Vail Square, Lionshead.

“We’ve listened to our patrons, and while they love our choice of artists, 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 hope 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.

#### 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-VAILJAM (824-5526). Afternoon sessions are \$45, evening sessions are \$55, an all event pass including dinner with the artists is \$350/person, and students with ID are free with a paid adult ticket. Online tickets will soon be available for purchase at [www.vailjazz.org](http://www.vailjazz.org), but you can purchase them now by phone at 970.479.6146, or 888-VAILJAM (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.

#### SPONSORS

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16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VAIL JAZZ PARTY

SEPTEMBER 2 – 6, VAIL COLORADO

## GROUPS

ANN HAMPTON CALLAWAY's MULTI-MEDIA SALUTE TO ELLA FITZGERALD

CHIE IMAIZUMI and her LITTLE BIG BAND

CLAYTON BROTHERS QUINTET

BILL CUNLIFFE's MULTI-MEDIA SALUTE TO OSCAR PETERSON

JEFF HAMILTON TRIO

TYREE MORRIS & HEARTS OF WORSHIP

VAIL JAZZ WORKSHOP ALL-STARS

*12 TALENTED HIGH SCHOOL AGED JAZZ MUSICIANS WHO ARE ATTENDING THE VAIL JAZZ  
WORKSHOP*

## SOLOISTS

ERNIE ADAMS

BOBBY BROOM

ANN HAMPTON CALLAWAY

AARON DIEHL

WYCLIFFE GORDON

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