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HOWARD LEVY AND HIS TRIO HARMONICIZE VAIL SQUARE THURSDAY NIGHT
Free Concert in Vail Jazz Tent, Lionshead from 6 to 8pm.

July 12, 2011 – Vail, CO -- The concert begins at 6pm in the Vail Jazz tent outside the Arrabelle Hotel in Lionshead. This is the first of nine free jazz concerts at Vail Square, presented by the Vail Jazz Foundation with support from the Town of Vail.

“Howard is a tremendously talented musician and we’re lucky he’s coming to Vail,” said Howard Stone, artistic director and chairman of the Vail Jazz Foundation. Levy is a Grammy award winning harmonicist, pianist, composer, and producer. Universally acknowledged as the world’s most advanced diatonic harmonica player, Levy co-founded the Flecktones, with whom he is currently touring, in 1988. His work includes over 250 recordings and several movie soundtracks. Matthew Warnock has this to say of Levy: “Levy’s harmonica playing is startlingly fluid and full of the technical prowess that would be expected from the genre’s top saxophonists, not from an instrument that is often associated with campfire cowboys and Mississippi bluesmen. In the capable hands of the Chicago-based musician, however, the harmonica cooks.”

The concert series continues on July 21 with Mexican jazz sensation Magos Herrera Quartet, and continues through September 1, when the legendary Clayton Brothers Quintet will be joined on stage by 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 Vail Jazz Foundation. Thursday will be their opportunity to shine with one of the most accomplished jazz quintets of today. The final Jazz at Vail Square concert also kicks off the 17th annual Labor Day weekend party, hosted at the Vail Marriott Mountain Resort and in Vail Square September 1-5, and featuring Monty Alexander Trio, Bobby Floyd, Wycliffe Gordon, Byron Stripling and many other greats. Tickets start at \$45 and are on sale now at www.vailjazz.org.

Jazz @ Vail Square: At a Glance

Thursday, July 14	Howard Levy and his Trio
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Thursday, July 21	Magos Herrera Quartet
Thursday, July 26	United States Air Force Academy Band – The Falconaires
Thursday, August 4	Tommy Igoe Sextet
Thursday, August 11	Marcia Ball
Thursday, August 18	Tony Monaco Quartet
Thursday, August 25	Hot Tomatoes Swing Band with Swing Dancers
Thursday, September 1	Clayton Brothers Quintet and VJF All-Stars

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ABOUT THE VAIL JAZZ FOUNDATION

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. For more information, visit www.vailjazz.org

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