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## **TOMMY IGOE SEXTET PLAYS VAIL SQUARE ON AUGUST 4**

*Free concert in tented venue at Vail Square from 6-8pm in Lionshead*

Vail, CO – The free Jazz at Vail Square concert series continues on Thursday night with drummer Tommy Igoe leading his band from 6-8pm outside the Arrabelle Hotel in Lionshead.

“Tommy is a jazz legend,” said Howard Stone, chairman and artistic director of the Vail Jazz Foundation. “As a drummer and a bandleader, he’s dynamic, exciting and extraordinarily talented,” continued Stone.

Born to a musical family, Igoe began drumming at age two and by age 18 went on tour with the Glenn Miller Band. In 1986, his career took off when he became active in the New York recording scene, and simultaneously joined the band Blood, Sweat and Tears as their touring drummer. Igoe quickly moved on to other great bands and artists including: New York Voices, Stanley Jordan, Art Garfunkel and Dave Grusin. In 1997, he was asked to help create the drumset book for what would become a legendary production: The Lion King on Broadway.

In 2004, Igoe created *Groove Essentials*, ‘the groove encyclopedia for the advanced drummer’, which has become required method work at many universities with over 250,000 copies in print. Igoe's latest and most exciting project, *The Birdland Big Band*, is currently the hottest weekly music event in New York City: every show sells out.

The concert series continues on August 11 with the Marcia Ball, 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.vailjazz.org).

**Jazz @ Vail Square: At a Glance**

<b>Thursday, August 4</b>	<b>Tommy Igoe Sextet</b>
<b>Thursday, August 11</b>	<b>Marcia Ball</b>
<b>Thursday, August 18</b>	<b>Tony Monaco Quartet</b>
<b>Thursday, August 25</b>	<b>Hot Tomatoes Swing Band with Swing Dancers</b>
<b>Thursday, September 1</b>	<b>Clayton Brothers Quintet and VJF All-Stars</b>

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