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TONY MONACO QUARTET WILL PLAY VAIL SQUARE ON AUGUST 18
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 Hammond B-3 organist Tony Monaco leading his band from 6-8pm outside the Arrabelle Hotel in Lionshead.

“Tony is a audience favorite at the Vail Jazz Party,’ said Howard Stone, chairman and artistic director of the Vail Jazz Foundation. “The guy plays with such energy and passion – he’s a sight to behold with an explosive sound,” continued Stone. Tony is joined on stage by Bob Rebholz on tenor saxophone, Dave Devine on guitar and Todd Reid on drums.

Tony Monaco’s career was progressive from the start – he played accordion at age eight and discovered jazz organ at 12. He later played in jazz clubs around his native Columbus, Ohio while mastering the Hammond B-3 organ. Influenced by Hank Marr and Don Patterson, he soon discovered legends Jimmy McGriff, Richard “Groove” Holmes, Charles Earland, Dr. Lonnie Smith, and Jack McDuff. Monaco’s first CD “Burnin’ Grooves” sparked international attention and was named “Hottest Single of the Month” in Jazzusa.com. Voted a top B-3 player in three successive years in the DownBeat Critics’ and Readers’ polls and JazzTimes Readers’ poll, Tony has gained broad based recognition for his outstanding musicianship.

The concert series continues on August 25 with the Hot Tomatoes Swing Band and Swing Dancers, 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 \$55 and are on sale now at www.vailjazz.org.

Jazz @ Vail Square: At a Glance

Thursday, August 18	Tony Monaco Quartet
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Thursday, September 1	Clayton Brothers Quintet and VJF All-Stars

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ABOUT THE VAIL JAZZ FOUNDATION

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