



JAZZ IN THE PARK® 2011

Building Community through Jazz

Kicks Off on the Fourth of July

Another summer of smooth jazz sounds kicks off on Independence Day in the Magic City with the first of the annual series of **JAZZ IN THE PARK®** from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at **Birmingham's Caldwell Park**, located on the Southside at 26th Street South and Highland Avenue. The **Neo Jazz Collective**, Birmingham's premier youth jazz ensemble, will begin the afternoon with an outstanding performance of jazz, R&B, and neo-soul music. Drummer extraordinaire **Fred Spraggins** follows with an enthusiastic show. Rounding out the evening will be a trio of outstanding saxophonists: **Vann Burchfield**, **Dwight Houston**, and **James Crumb, Jr.** Burchfield beat Kenny G's Guinness World Record for circular breathing, played multiple times at the White House and the Alabama governor's mansion, and was featured on the cover of *Saxophone Journal* magazine. Houston is world renowned, having played with such greats as Diana Washington and with his own group, "On Purpose." Crumb is known for his gifted musical styling with the N'Fusion band.

The free concerts continue every Sunday afternoon from July 10-September 4:

Sun., July 10

W. C. Patton Park

Neo Jazz Collective
Roland Gresham
Kenneth Williams

Sun., July 17

Ensley Park

Neo Jazz Collective
Laser's Edge
Southpax Saxes

Sun., July 24

East Lake Park

Neo Jazz Collective
T.A.D. of Jazz
Vann Burchfield

Sun., July 31

Legion Field

Neo Jazz Collective
Left Field
Shaun Pezant Trio
N'Fusion
Featuring James Crumb, Jr.

Sun., August 7

Botanical Gardens

Neo Jazz Collective
Kim Scott
Keith Williams

Sun., August 14

Vulcan Park

Neo Jazz Collective
Tena Wilson
Goodfellas
On Purpose

Sun., August 21

Tom Bradford Park

Neo Jazz Collective
Overfloe
Jose Carr

Sun., August 28

Sidewalk Film Festival

Neo Jazz Collective
Foxy Fatts
RAW Jazz Trio

Sun., September 4

Railroad Park

Neo Jazz Collective
Rickey Powell
Heritage Band
Dee Lucas

JAZZ IN THE PARK® is an effort by the non-profit organization, Magic City Smooth Jazz, to increase cultural activities in neighborhoods and communities in the Greater Birmingham area by presenting a series of FREE summer performances in various parks and provide a platform on which local jazz artists can showcase their talents and unique artistic style of music of contemporary, straight-ahead, and Latin jazz. This second annual series is made possible by the generous support of the City of Birmingham; Waldrep, Stewart, & Kendrick, LLC; Alabama Power; AT&T; BlueCross and BlueShield of Alabama; NHB Group, LLC; Community Coffee, Coca-Cola; Wells Fargo Foundation; Alabama State Council on the Arts; Samford University's WVSU-FM; Patti Moss Williams Communications; The Robert R. Myer Foundation; Daniel Foundation; and the Joseph S. Bruno Charitable Foundation. Additional sponsors are needed and appreciated to insure the continued success of these free events.

Bring your lawn chairs and coolers, and enjoy the music!

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