

FIVE JAZZ CONCERTS FIVE BIRMINGHAM PARKS

The sounds of smooth jazz will float through the air as *Magic City Smooth Jazz* presents *Jazz In The Park*. The summer concert series, each Sunday in July, in various Birmingham Parks, will feature performances by local jazz enthusiasts. Free and open to the public, *Jazz In The Park* will take place in the following five (5) Birmingham Parks:





Keith Williams, Dee Lucas and Scrollworks Sunday, July 4, 2010, 3:00 p.m. Caldwell Park, Highland Avenue at 26th Street





Left Field, On Purpose featuring Dwight Houston and Scrollworks Sunday, July 11, 2010, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Ensley Park, 2800 Avenue K





Tena Wilson, Kimoni Duo, Vann Burchfield and Scrollworks Sunday, July 18, 2010, 3:00 p.m.
W.C. Patton Park, 3969 14th Avenue North (off Tallapoosa exit)



Shaun Pezant Trio, N'Fusion featuring James Crumb, Jr. and Scrollworks Sunday, July 25, 2010, 3:00-6:00 p.m. East Lake Park, 84^{th} Street North at 1^{st} Avenue



Artist – TBA (Tribute to Birmingham jazz legends) Sunday, August 1, 2010, 3:00 p.m. Railroad Park, 1600 First Avenue South Based on construction progress

Although months from the first concert, support for *Jazz In The Park* is mounting. "This is a wonderful opportunity to invite people to Birmingham's beautiful parks. Plus, research has shown that music has a profound effect on your body and psyche. So I invite everyone to come out and enjoy these events," said Birmingham City Council President Pro Tempore Steven W. Hoyt.

Jazz In The Park will showcase music styles from contemporary jazz, straight-ahead jazz to Latin Jazz and everything in between. Scrollworks, a community music school, will perform at all of the aforementioned sites and provide on-site lessons for the young and the young at heart on an instrument of their choice.

"We are pleased to present this enhancement to cultural activities that already exist in community parks for families and children," said Bernard Lockhart, Executive Director of Magic City Smooth Jazz. Magic City Smooth Jazz is a non-profit organization founded in 2006. Inspired by "community arts and cultural building," our mission is to expose diverse audiences' to jazz music and cultivate interest in various jazz styles.

Supporters and sponsors include Birmingham City Council, City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board, Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation, Scrollworks through Metropolitan Youth Orchestras of Central Alabama (MYOCA) and Samford University's WVSU-FM 91.1.

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For more information on the *Jazz In The Park* summer concert contact Bernard Lockhart, Executive Director of Magic City Smooth Jazz at (205) 616-1735 and/or info@magiccitysmoothjazz.com.

The *Jazz In The Park* summer concert series is based on the 2002 Cultural Master Plan to provide increased opportunities for family and children to experience arts and culture closer to home, within their own neighborhoods and communities.





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