



## JAZZ IN THE PARK® 2012

*Building Community through Jazz*

### Historic Avondale Park to Host Summer Concert Series

Historic **Avondale Park** amphitheatre is the place to be this summer for the third annual **JAZZ IN THE PARK®** concert series which will kick off on Independence Day with a new time, 6:00-9:00 p.m. The newly renovated park is located on Fifth Avenue South and 41<sup>st</sup> Street. **Shaun Pezant Trio**, an excellent jazz musician beyond his calling, will begin the afternoon with an outstanding performance of jazz, R&B, and neo-soul music. Fresh for 2012 and beyond is **James "PJ" Spraggins'** new release, *Pure Logic*. From jazz to hip hop, from R&B to gospel, *Pure Logic* has something for everyone. Rounding out the evening will be Atlanta's top jazz saxophonist, **Ryan Whitehead**.

The free concerts continue every Sunday afternoon from July 8 - 29:

**Sun., July 8**

Fred Spraggins  
Roman Street  
T.A.D. of Jazz

**Sun., July 22**

Roland Gresham  
Birmingham Heritage Band  
On Purpose featuring Dwight Houston

**Sun., July 15**

Kenneth Williams  
Jose Carr  
RAW Jazz Trio

**Sun., July 29**

Laser's Edge  
Foxy Fatts  
N'Fusion featuring James Crumb, Jr.

**JAZZ IN THE PARK®** is an effort by Magic City Smooth Jazz, a non-profit, 501(c) (3) public charity that increases 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 third annual series is made possible by grants from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts; in-kind support from the City of Birmingham; corporate support from AT&T, BlueCross and BlueShield of Alabama, Coca-Cola, Wells Fargo, BBVA Compass, Regions Bank, Samford University's WVSU-FM, and Patti Moss Williams Communications. Due to a shortage in funding for 2012, additional sponsors are needed and appreciated to insure the continued success of these free events. If funds allow, we hope to add three concerts at Birmingham's Railroad Park later this year. If you would like to become a sponsor for one of these events, we welcome your call.

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

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