

# NEWS RELEASE

COLUMBUS RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 15, 2011**

**Contact: William Behnke, wfbehnke@columbus.gov, 614-645-7996**

## **Hot Ribs, Cool Jazz: 2011 Jazz & Rib Fest Presented by Columbus Recreation and Parks Department**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** — There's no better way to celebrate summer than with hot ribs and cool jazz. The 32nd annual Jazz & Rib Fest presented by the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department returns to the Arena District riverfront on July 22-24. The aroma of hot ribs and sounds of cool jazz will fill the air on July 22 and 23 from 11 a.m. – 11 p.m., and July 24 from 11 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Through the generous support of sponsors, this year's festival will offer jazz connoisseurs 41 live performances by musicians descending on Columbus from all over the United States and the world. In addition to the musical artists, 23 award-winning rib teams representing 11 states and Canada will be grilling their signature 'Que along Spring and Long Streets to compete for "Best Ribs" bragging rights.

The American Electric Power Stage presented by ABC 6 in McFerson Commons and the North Bank Park Stage presented by FOX 28 will anchor the event with featured performances by Dave Koz; Christian McBride and Inside Straight; Big Bad VooDoo Daddy; Bobby Sanabria; Christian Scott Quintet; and Carmen Lundy Quintet.

The Jazz Café at North Bank Pavilion will showcase local and regional jazz artists on an intimate riverfront stage set against the city skyline. The Jazz Café will offer covered seating on the back patio of the North Bank Pavilion facing the stage and will be adjacent to rib judging activities held within the Pavilion.

### **PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE**

\*Headlining Performer

**American Electric Power  
Stage  
Presented by ABC 6  
(McFerson Commons)**

**North Bank Park Stage  
Presented by Fox 28**

**Jazz Café  
(Riverfront at North  
Bank Pavilion)**

#### **Friday, July 22**

11:00am		Derek DiCenzo, Jazz Guitarist	
11:30am	Brian Olsheski		Ft. Hayes All Stars
1:30pm		Liquid Crystal Project	
2:00pm	Fly Paper		
4:00pm		The Kris Johnson Group	
4:30pm	Sammy DeLeon Y Su Orchestra		Carl Sally & Friends
6:30pm		Nick Colionne	
7:00pm	Teeny Tucker Band		James Gaiters' MUV-Ment
9:00pm		Carmen Lundy Quintet*	
9:30pm	Big Bad VooDoo Daddy*		Mojoflo

## Saturday, July 23

11:00am	Dwight Lenox and the Lenox Avenue Express		
11:30am		Swings the Thing Big Band	PB&J with New Basics Brass Band
1:30pm	Souse		Live Your Dreams featuring Yolanda Drake
2:00pm		Organic Chemistry with Jennette Williams and Mary McClendon	
4:00pm	Matt Corey Band		Mark Flugge Quintet featuring Jody Mancini
4:30pm		fo/mo/deep	
6:30pm	Big Sams Funky Nation		The Michael Branner Conceptet
7:00pm		In the Tradition	
9:00pm	Dave Koz*		The Hip Huggers
9:30pm		Christian Scott Quintet*	

## Sunday, July 24

11:00am		The Conspiracy Band	
11:30am	Hananeel		Meister Trio
1:30pm		Gaetano Letizia & The Underworld Band	The Dan Bankhurst Project
2:00pm	Milton Ruffin & The Basic Principal		
4:00pm		Erik Augis Quartet Feat. Pete Mills	Ken Weaver Quartet
4:30pm	Urban Jazz Coalition		
6:00pm	Rib Awards Presentation		
6:15pm		Rib Awards Announced	
6:30pm		Bobby Sanabria*	Rhinestone (Joe Diamond tribute) led by Randy Mather, Jim Maneri, Roger Hines & Joe Ong
7:00pm	Christian McBride and Inside Straight*		

### ARTIST BIOGRAPHIES

**Dave Koz:** In a career that spans 20 years, a dozen albums, and multiple Grammy nominations, saxophonist Dave Koz has established himself as one of the most prominent figures in contemporary music. The list of artists Koz has played with bears testament to his talent and includes musical luminaries such as Burt Bacharach, Ray Charles, Natalie Cole, Celine Dion, Kenny Loggins, U2, Michael McDonald, Luther Vandross, and Rod Stewart. [www.davekoz.com](http://www.davekoz.com)

**Christian McBride and Inside Straight:** Bassist extraordinaire, composer, arranger, educator, bandleader and Grammy Award winner Christian McBride has been one of the most important and most ubiquitous figures in the jazz world for twenty years. McBride's list of accomplishments is nothing short of staggering and includes collaboration with renowned artists such as Freddie Hubbard, Sonny Rollins, Roy Haynes, Chick Corea, Herbie Hancock, Isaac Hayes, Chaka Khan, James Brown, Sting, Carly Simon, Don Henley, The Roots, and D'Angelo. [www.christianmcbride.com](http://www.christianmcbride.com)

**Big Bad VooDoo Daddy:** Since their arrival on the music scene in 1993, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy's irresistible live show and aggressive, musically perceptive approach has proven them over time to be the singular standout among the numerous bands that launched the nineties swing revival. The seven-man group has forged a massively successful fusion of classic American sounds from jazz, swing, Dixieland and big-band music while building their own songbook of original dance tunes. [www.bbvd.com](http://www.bbvd.com)

**Bobby Sanabria:** Drummer, percussionist, composer, arranger, recording artist, producer, filmmaker, conductor, educator, multi-cultural warrior and multiple Grammy nominee Bobby Sanabria has performed with a veritable Who's Who in the world of jazz and Latin music, as well as with his own critically acclaimed ensembles. His diverse recording and performing experience includes work with such legendary figures as Dizzy Gillespie, Tito Puente, Paquito D'Rivera, Arturo Sandoval, Chico O'Farrill, and the Godfather of Afro-Cuban Jazz, Mario Bauzá. [www.bobbysanabria.com](http://www.bobbysanabria.com)

**Christian Scott Quintet:** One of the brightest jazz stars to emerge in recent years is Grammy nominated trumpeter Christian Scott. A New Orleans native, Scott represents the next generation of Crescent City horn blowers. At 28 years old, Scott has developed both the tone and the conviction of the great players of his instrument. He eschews cliché and gimmickry in favor of an expressive sensibility and a willingness to break rules when it makes musical sense. [www.christianscott.tv](http://www.christianscott.tv)

**Carmen Lundy Quintet:** Considered one of the finest jazz singers performing today, Carmen Lundy is highly regarded for her innovative musicianship and songwriting. A critically acclaimed recording artist, Lundy has received noteworthy praise from The New York Times, The Village Voice, Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post and numerous other foreign and domestic publications. As a composer, Lundy's music has been recorded by artists Kenny Barron, Ernie Watts and Straight Ahead with Regina Carter among others. [www.carmenlundy.com](http://www.carmenlundy.com)

### **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

Event sponsors will provide a variety of activities, giveaways and information to Jazz & Rib Fest attendees. Visit [www.HotRibsCoolJazz.org](http://www.HotRibsCoolJazz.org) for a complete list of activities. A few highlights include:

The fourth annual **Kansas City Barbeque Society Great American BBQ Tour** continues its tradition of educating and sharing great barbeque tips and techniques at barbeque competitions and festivals across the country. The cross-country tour features the husband-and-wife team of Mike and Christine Peters, who share grilling tips and tasty food samples with event attendees. To learn more about the Great American BBQ Tour and its full schedule, visit [www.KCBSTour.com](http://www.KCBSTour.com).

Mr. Peanut is embarking on the 2011 "**Naturally Remarkable**" tour, encouraging Americans to grow stronger communities through service and conservation. The tour inspires people to become planters by volunteering with **The Corps Network**, the nation's service and conservation corps. Mr. Peanut is getting from place to place in his new **Planters Nutmobile**, fueled by biodiesel and powered with solar energy. To follow **Planters** "Naturally Remarkable" tour, get exclusive updates and learn how to participate, Like Mr. Peanut on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/mrpeanut](http://www.facebook.com/mrpeanut).

In between the ribs and the swing, spend some quality time with the **Ohio Lottery!** Purchase \$1 Cash Explosion Instant games on Saturday, July 23 at the Ohio Lottery booth for a chance to win cool cash and merchandise. You may also be a contestant for the Cash Explosion mini game show beginning at 4:00 p.m. The Ohio Lottery will give away more than \$5,000 in cash and prizes. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. on July 23.

**The Bite Tour** is the largest entertainment experience traveling to nation's biggest food and music festivals! Come experience a taste of the best America has to offer and enjoy food eating contests, games, music and more!

**Jazz & Rib Fest Cornhole Tournament sanctioned by American Cornhole Organization.** Daily \$10 buy-in tournaments along with free open play throughout the day. For more details and pre-registration for daily buy-in tournaments visit [www.americancornhole.com](http://www.americancornhole.com).

Become an **ABC 6** fan and cool off at the same time. Stop by the **ABC 6/ FOX 28 tent** to pick up a fan and shake hands with the faces behind the anchor desk. You will also have an opportunity to sign up for deals from 700 local businesses.

### RIB BURNERS

<b>Armadillo's</b> <i>Youngstown, Ohio</i>	<b>Bad Wolf Barbecue</b> <i>Toronto, Ontario, Canada</i>	<b>BBQ Masters</b> <i>Stockbridge, Georgia</i>
<b>Big Boned BBQ Co.</b> <i>Hixson, Tennessee</i>	<b>Blazin' Bronco BBQ &amp; Rib Co.</b> <i>Port Saint Lucie, Florida</i>	<b>Butch's Smack Your Lips BBQ</b> <i>Mt. Laurel, New Jersey</i>
<b>Carolina Rib King</b> <i>Moore, South Carolina</i>	<b>Chicago Barbecue Company</b> <i>Burr Ridge, Illinois</i>	<b>Cowboy's BBQ &amp; Rib Co.</b> <i>Weatherford, Texas</i>
<b>Desperado's BBQ &amp; Rib Co.</b> <i>Hinckley, Ohio</i>	<b>Famous Dave's</b> <i>Plymouth, Minnesota</i>	<b>Hog Wild Barbeque</b> <i>Mansfield, Ohio</i>
<b>Jack on the Bone Rib Team</b> <i>Massillon, Ohio</i>	<b>Johnson's BBQ</b> <i>Chesapeake, Virginia</i>	<b>Mojo's Rib Shack</b> <i>Diamond, Ohio</i>
<b>Pigfoot BBQ Co.</b> <i>West Salem, Ohio</i>	<b>Porky N' Beans</b> <i>Port Saint Lucie, Florida</i>	<b>Schmidt's of German Village</b> <i>Columbus, Ohio</i>
<b>Smokin' Joes Ribs</b> <i>Columbus, Ohio</i>	<b>Texas Outlaw BBQ</b> <i>Elizabethtown, Kentucky</i>	<b>Texas Thunder BBQ</b> <i>Phillips, Texas</i>
<b>The King of Bar-B Que Ribs</b> <i>Mansfield, Ohio</i>	<b>Willingham's BBQ</b> <i>Memphis, Tennessee</i>	

### BEST RIBS AWARDS

Who is your favorite rib burner? Cast your vote for the best BBQ on the block. Complete an event survey and vote for the **People's Choice Award**. Ballots are available at Information, First Aid and soft drink tent locations. Professional rib judges will choose winners for **Critic's Choice**, **All Ohio Champion** and **Best Sauce**. Festival sponsors, media personalities and VIP judges will select the **Big Whig's Pig Award** winners. Winners in all categories will be announced and trophies awarded at the **American Electric Power Stage presented by ABC 6 on Sunday at 6 p.m.**

### Calendar Information – 2011 Jazz & Rib Fest

**Date & Time:** Friday, July 22, 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.  
Saturday, July 23, 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.  
Sunday, July 24, 11 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** The Arena District: North Bank Park, McFerson Commons, and Spring & Long Streets in downtown Columbus.

**Description:** Hungry for Jazz? Satisfy your craving! Join us downtown for hot ribs and cool jazz at the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Jazz & Rib Fest. Admission is free!

**Information:** <http://www.hotribscooljazz.org> or (614) 645-3800

*Jazz & Rib Fest is presented by the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department and made possible through the generous support of American Electric Power, Bud Light, ABC 6 WSYX, FOX 28 WTTE, Sunny 95 WSNY, The Ohio Lottery, Crowne Plaza, Arena Grand Movie Theater, Coca-Cola, Sunbelt Rentals, ASCAP, Cintas, Columbus Young Professionals, Hero USA, Kansas City Barbeque Society's Great American BBQ Tour, Planters Naturally Remarkable Tour, The Bite Tour, Fifth Third Band eBus, American Cornhole Organization, COSI, Columbus Crew and Columbus Blue Jackets.*

###

