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Hot Ribs, Cool Jazz: 2010 Jazz & Rib Fest Presented by Columbus Recreation and Parks Department

COLUMBUS, Ohio — This summer the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department is proud to present Jazz & Rib Fest, especially during the department's 100th anniversary year. The aroma of hot ribs and sounds of cool jazz will return the Arena District on July 23 and 24 from 11 a.m. - 11 p.m., and July 25 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 over 60 hours of live performances from musicians descending on Columbus from all over the United States and the world. In addition to the 44 scheduled jazz performances, 23 award winning rib-burners representing 10 states, Canada and Australia will be grilling their signature 'Que along Spring and Long Streets to compete for "Best Ribs" bragging rights.

The American Electric Power stage in McFerson Commons and the North Bank Park stage will anchor the event with featured performances by RnR featuring Rick Braun and Richard Elliot; Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue; Tito Puente Jr.; Ali Jackson Quartet; Alfredo Rodriguez Trio; and Columbus Jazz Orchestra with special guest Christian Howes.

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**
(McFerson Commons)

North Bank Park Stage

Jazz Café
(Riverfront at North
Bank Pavilion)

Friday, July 23

11:30am	Deep Blue Groove	Rachel Sepulveda & Friends	Tim Cummiskey Quartet
4:30pm	Brasileira		
5:00pm		Zamar Jazz Band	FYI Quintet
7:00pm	Afro-Caribbean All-Stars *	Lao Tizer *	Andrew Hartman and Still Motion
9:00			Ray Charles Tribute
9:15pm	Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue - Backatown Tour *	RnR featuring Rick Braun and Richard Elliot *	

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Saturday, July 24

11:30am	Honk, Wail & Moan	Robert Sanae & the Crater Creek Project	PB&J Featuring Matt and Natilie Adams
1:30pm	Vaughn Wiester's Famous Jazz Orchestra	Mary McClendon Ensemble	NexLevel
3:15pm		RFG Quintet	
3:30pm	Bobby Floyd Quartet		
4:00pm			Randy Mather Quartet
5:15pm	Harambee		
5:00pm		Michael Cox 5tet	
6:30pm			Jazz Patrol featuring Adria Shahid
7:00pm	Sax Summit featuring Shilts & Jackiem Joyner *	Joel Harrison Quartet *	
8:30pm			HooDoo Soul Band
9:00pm	Tito Puente Jr. *	Ali Jackson Quartet *	

Sunday, July 25

11:30am	Adrienne Hindmarsh Quartet	Clave Sonic	The Jef Payne Project
1:15pm		Transit Arts Performance Group	
2:00pm	The Creative Players		Vernon Hairston Project featuring Olivia Hairston and Jerry Powell
2:15pm		Meredith Evans Group	
3:45pm	Saints Drum Line		
4:00pm			Dr. Lopez and the Loco Roaches Orchestra
4:15pm		Mark Lomax Quartet *	
4:30pm	Johnny O'Neal Trio*		
5:45			
6:00pm	Rib Awards Presentation		
6:15		Rib Awards Announced	
7:00pm	Columbus Jazz Orchestra with special guest Christian Howes *	Alfredo Rodriguez Trio *	The Eddie Brookshire Quintet

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ARTIST BIOGRAPHIES

Lao Tizer

Keyboardist Lao Tizer captivates audiences of all ages and musical tastes. Tizer is praised as an independent artist with all the right moves and a torchbearer for the new generation of contemporary jazz. (www.laotizer.com/home2.htm)

RnR featuring Rick Braun and Richard Elliot

The exciting collaboration between smooth jazz heavyweights, trumpeter Rick Braun and saxophonist Richard Elliot, RnR is a double dose of hot funk and cool vibes. With a massive catalogue of chart-topping radio hits, Braun cut his teeth as member of the band War while Elliot honed his soulful chops with Tower of Power. (www.rickbraun.com / www.richardelliott.com)

Joel Harrison Quartet

Guitarist, composer, and vocalist Joel Harrison resists categorization: his music is informed by western and non-western traditions, notated and improvised music. His foundation is jazz, but he is at home writing songs and complex chamber music as well. (www.joelharrison.com)

Ali Jackson Quartet

A renowned drummer, Ali Jackson is best known for his association with Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra. Jackson has performed and recorded extensively with some of the world's finest musicians including Dee Dee Bridgewater, Aretha Franklin, George Benson and Harry Connick Jr. (www.alidrums.com)

Mark Lomax Quartet

Master drummer, producer and composer, Mark Lomax is a brilliant musician with the extraordinary gift to convey the essence of his art through exciting performances that take his listeners on a journey to the depths of their soul. (www.marklomaxii.com)

Alfredo Rodriguez Trio

In his first year since moving to the United States, 24-year-old Cuban pianist Alfredo Rodriguez has astonished audiences in capacity shows across the country. A protégé of legendary music producer Quincy Jones, Rodriguez is praised for his ability to be playful and simple interspersed with moments of exquisite emotional intensity. (www.alfredomusic.com)

Afro-Caribbean All-Stars

Featuring two former Grammy nominees, the Afro-Caribbean All-Stars is an amalgamation of high-energy Caribbean rhythms and jazz that will take you on a musical journey of the Caribbean basin from New Orleans to Rio de Janeiro, and everything in between. (www.myspace.com/theafrocaribbeanallstars)

Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue

A rare artist who can draw both the unqualified respect of jazz legends and deliver a high-energy show capable of mesmerizing international rock stars and audiences alike. With such an unprecedented mix of rock, funk, jazz, hip-hop and soul, Troy 'Trombone Shorty' Andrews had to create his own name to describe his signature sound: Supafunkrock! (www.tromboneshorty.com)

Sax Summit featuring Shilts & Jackiem Joyner

Highly regarded for his soulful, funky saxophone style, Paul "Shilts" Weimar will join forces with rising star, Jackiem Joyner and his trademark alto and soprano horns for a red-hot smooth jazz experience. (www.shiltsmusic.com / www.jackiemjoyner.com)

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Tito Puente Jr.

Son of Tito Puente, legendary percussionist and Latin jazz royalty, Tito Puente Jr. carries his father with him - imprinted on his physical being and locked in his soul as he continues on a journey to keep the legacy of his late father alive, and expose his unique musical style to a new generation of fans.

(www.titopuentejr.net)

Johnny O'Neal Trio

An exceptional pianist with chops as prodigious as the influences imbued in him by his idols Oscar Peterson and Art Tatum. Johnny O'Neal is an extremely moving musician whose blend of blues, gospel and stride piano will astound you. (www.johnnyoneal.org)

Columbus Jazz Orchestra with special guest Christian Howes

Under the direction of Byron Stripling, Columbus Jazz Orchestra is considered one of the world's finest jazz orchestras. Their performance will feature jazz violinist Christian Howes. An extremely versatile artist, Howes is celebrated as one of the most influential artists in modern contemporary jazz.

(www.jazzartsgroup.org / www.christianhowes.com)

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Event sponsors will provide a variety of activities, giveaways and information to Jazz & Rib Fest attendees. Visit www.hottribscooljazz.org for a complete list of activities. A few highlights include:

Visit the **Jeep® Rocks & Road Tour** for an off-road driving experience like nothing you've seen before. Get behind the wheel of the iconic Jeep Wrangler or the all-new Grand Cherokee on a specially designed off-road course. A mini-Jeep course, climbing wall and interactive displays will provide fun for the whole family - we hope to see you there!

It's all about the barbeque when you visit **Kansas City Barbeque Society's Great American BBQ Tour**, which features BBQ tips and information, recipes, and access to the pros. There will be multiple grilling demonstrations and opportunities to sample great BBQ throughout the day!

Indulge your cheese tooth at the **Kraft Homestyle Macaroni & Cheese *You Know You Love It*** kitchen! It combines real Kraft cheese sauce with ridged elbow macaroni and a crunchy breadcrumb topping for a delicious homemade taste. Homestyle macaroni & cheese in minutes? You know you love it!

Lunchables is launching Project Potential to empower kids with opportunities that help them realize their full potential. Check out the fun activities that will inspire your kids to explore their world with a Passport to their Potential waiting for them at the **Lunchables Project Potential Tour**.

In between the ribs and the swing, spend some quality time with the **Ohio Lottery!** Play the Spin and Win for an instant prize and make sure you visit our on-site Lottery retailer and purchase two Cash Explosion instant tickets for a chance to be a contestant on the Mini Cash Explosion game show on Saturday. Game Show registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday.

FAMILY AREA

New this year, the Family Area will offer activities for the young and young at heart! Explore the river by canoe; adventure a high ropes course; create music and crafts down along the riverfront with help from our friends at COSI, Lowe's, Music-Go-Round and the Upper Arlington Arts Festival. Visit www.hottribscooljazz.org for a complete list of activities.

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A few highlights include:

Take an adventure on the downtown riverfront. Visit **Paddle in the City** to rent a canoe or kayak and explore the river while getting a different view of the Jazz & Rib Fest. **Hero USA** will have ACA certified instructors onsite to assist novice paddlers.

COSI's Science Spot traveling science exhibition gives families the opportunity to play, explore and learn about science together. Science Spot's hands-on kiosks feature activities to help families learn about basic science concepts, including force & motion, structures, magnetism, gadgets and more.

Make a "Messterpiece" with the **Columbus Recreation and Parks Department!** Create your own little piggy, make a beautiful flower or design your favorite beaded keychain all day Friday and Sunday.

Experience our interactive jazz area with instruments provided by **Music-Go-Round!** Ever wondered what it was like to play the guitar? Or what bongos sounded like up close? Here's your chance to find out! Come try out all the instruments – from bongos and violins, to keyboards and guitars.

RIB BURNERS

Aussom Aussie Australian BBQ <i>Sydney, Australia</i>	Desperado's BBQ & Rib Co. <i>Hinckley, Ohio</i>	Porky-N-Beans BBQ <i>Port St. Lucie, Florida</i>
Armadillo's <i>Youngstown, Ohio</i>	Famous Dave's Legendary Pit Bar-B-Que <i>Plymouth, Minnesota</i>	Ray Ray's Hog Pit <i>Columbus, Ohio</i>
Bad Wolf Barbecue <i>Toronto, Ontario, Canada</i>	Jack on the Bone Rib Team <i>Massillon, Ohio</i>	Schmidt's of German Village <i>Columbus, Ohio</i>
BBQ Masters <i>Stockbridge, Georgia</i>	Texas Thunder <i>Phillips, Texas</i>	Smokin' Joe's Ribs <i>Columbus, Ohio</i>
Big Boned BBQ Co. <i>Hixson, Tennessee</i>	Johnson's BBQ <i>Chesapeake, Virginia</i>	Texas Outlaw BBQ <i>Elizabethtown, Kentucky</i>
Butch's Smack Your Lips BBQ <i>Mt. Laurel, New Jersey</i>	Lawshea's Southern Ribs <i>Columbus, Ohio</i>	The King of Bar-B Que Ribs <i>Mansfield, Ohio</i>
Chicago Barbecue Company <i>Burr Ridge, Illinois</i>	Mojo's Rib Shack <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	Willingham's BBQ <i>Memphis, Tennessee</i>
Cowboy's BBQ & Rib Co. <i>Weatherford, Texas</i>	Pigfoot BBQ Co. <i>West Salem, Ohio</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 the **Smooth Jazz WJZA** and **The CW Columbus** booths, as well as Information, First Aid and all 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 on Sunday at 6:00 p.m.**

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Calendar Information – 2010 Jazz & Rib Fest

- Date & Time:** Friday, July 23, 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Saturday, July 24, 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Sunday, July 25, 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 31st annual Jazz & Rib Fest. Admission is free!
- Information:** <http://www.hotribscooljazz.org> or (614) 645-3800

Jazz & Rib Fest is produced by the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department. Sponsorship is provided by American Electric Power, Bud Light, Smooth Jazz WJZA 103.5, The CW Columbus, The Ohio Lottery, Crowne Plaza, State Farm, Hero USA, Jeep Rocks & Road Tour, Lunchables Project Potential Tour, Kansas City Barbeque Society's Great American BBQ Tour, GEICO, Kraft Homestyle Macaroni & Cheese Tour, Southern Living BBQ on Tour, PNC Virtual Wallet Tour, The Arena District, T-Mobile, Sunbelt Rentals, Shearer's Food Inc., Columbus Young Professionals Club, Cintas, ASCAP and Medco.

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