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2017 Bellevue Jazz & Blues Festival kicks off May 31

Festival showcases 40+ performances including headliners Catherine Russell and The Corey Harris Band

BELLEVUE, Wash. (May 1, 2017) — From May 31 to June 4, the Bellevue Downtown Association will bring together top jazz and blues artists to Downtown Bellevue. More than forty live performances are set to play across 15 venues in and around Downtown.

Featured artists, jazz and blues vocalist **Catherine Russell** and American blues and reggae artists **The Corey Harris Band**, will perform at the Meydenbauer Center Theatre. Local dance band Radio Raheem kicks off the festival at Bake's Place on Wednesday, May 31, with The Rumba Kings on Thursday, June 1. Tickets for headlining shows at the Meydenbauer Center Theatre are on sale now at BrownPaperTickets.com or via phone at 1-800-838-3006. Reservations are now being accepted at BakesPlaceBellevue.com or 425-454-2776 for performances at Bake's Place.

A Student Showcase featuring regional high and middle school jazz combos performing at Bellevue Arts Museum, June 3-4, highlights emerging talent in the Puget Sound area. Festival lodging packages are available via our lodging partners – Hyatt Regency Bellevue on Seattle's Eastside, The Westin Bellevue or Hotel Bellevue. Complete festival information, including lodging packages, can be located at www.BellevueDowntown.com.

Full Bellevue Jazz & Blues Schedule

Performances are free unless marked

Artists	Time	Venue
Wednesday, May 31st		
Isabella Du Graf Trio	4:00pm - 6:00pm	The Belletini
Josh Rawlings	4:30pm - 6:30pm	Bellevue Place - 2nd Floor
Murl Allen Sanders Duo	4:30pm - 6:30pm	Lincoln Square - 1st Floor
Michele D'Amour and The Love Dealers	5:00pm - 8:00pm	Cypress Lounge & Wine Bar at The Westin Bellevue
Eli Meisner	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Paddy Coyne's Bellevue
Tim Lerch	6:00pm - 8:00pm	KidsQuest Children's Museum (\$25)
Paul Richardson	6:00pm - 10:00pm	El Gaucho Bellevue
Radio Raheem	9:00pm - 10:45pm	Bake's Place (\$20)

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Thursday, June 1st		
Josh Rawlings	4:30pm - 6:30pm	Bellevue Place - 2nd floor
Karin Kajita Duo	4:30pm - 6:30pm	Lincoln Square - 1st Floor
Gail Pettis Trio	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Seattle Marriott Bellevue
Darin Clendenin Duo	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Paddy Coyne's Bellevue
Deems Tsutakawa	6:00pm - 9:00pm	Cypress Lounge & Wine Bar at The Westin Bellevue
Paul Richardson	6:00pm - 10:00pm	El Gaucho Bellevue
New Age Flamenco	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Palomino Bellevue
Full Circle Jazz Ensemble	7:00pm - 9:30pm	Resonance at SOMA Towers (\$30 – includes BBQ Dinner)
The Rumba Kings	8:30pm - 12:00am	Bake's Place (\$15)
Friday, June 2nd		
Josh Rawlings	4:30pm - 6:30pm	Bellevue Place - 2nd floor
Karin Kajita Duo	4:30pm - 6:30pm	Lincoln Square - 1st Floor
Tom Kellock	6:00pm - 10:00pm	El Gaucho Bellevue
Brian Butler Blues Band	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Bellevue Brewing Company
Catherine Russell	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Meydenbauer Center Theatre (\$30/\$15)
Billy Brandt	8:00pm - 11:00pm	Cypress Lounge & Wine Bar at The Westin Bellevue
Mark DuFresne Band	8:30pm - 11:00pm	Bake's Place (\$15)
Saturday, June 3rd		
Auburn Mountainview High School Jazz Combo	11:00am - 11:45am	Bellevue Arts Museum
Music Works NW Honors Jazz Ensemble	12:00pm - 12:45pm	Bellevue Arts Museum

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Newport High School Jazz Combo	1:00pm - 1:45pm	Bellevue Arts Museum
Edmonds-Woodway High School Jazz Combo	2:00pm - 2:45pm	Bellevue Arts Museum
Decatur High School Jazz Combo	3:00pm - 3:45pm	Bellevue Arts Museum
Todd Beamer High School Jazz Combo	4:00pm - 4:45pm	Bellevue Arts Museum
Frank Holman III	6:00pm - 10:00pm	El Gaucho Bellevue
Geoffrey Castle	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Bake's Place (\$25)
The Corey Harris Band	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Meydenbauer Center Theatre (\$30/\$15)
Geoffrey Castle	9:45pm - 11:15pm	Bake's Place (\$25)
Sunday, June 4th		
Timbercrest Middle School Jazz Combo	11:00am - 11:45am	Bellevue Arts Museum
Tyee Middle School Jazz Combo	12:00pm - 12:45pm	Bellevue Arts Museum
Mercer Island High School Jazz Combo	1:00pm - 1:45pm	Bellevue Arts Museum
Woodinville High School Jazz Combo	2:00pm - 2:45pm	Bellevue Arts Museum
Eckstein Middle School Jazz Combo	3:00pm - 3:45pm	Bellevue Arts Museum
Brendan Wires	3:00pm - 4:30pm	Bellevue Library
Bellevue High School Jazz Combo	4:00pm - 4:45pm	Bellevue Arts Museum
Randy Halberstadt Duo	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Paddy Coyne's Bellevue
Tom Kellock	6:00pm - 10:00pm	El Gaucho Bellevue
The Stonecutters	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Bake's Place (\$15)

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Established in 2008, the festival is a cultural and community event that attracts national artists, showcases regional talent and draws diverse audiences. Headlining artists were selected in collaboration with John Gilbreath, executive director of Earshot Jazz. Past featured artists include Branford Marsalis, Booker T. Jones, Shemekia Copeland, Poncho Sanchez, Dianne Reeves, Bill Frisell, Charles Lloyd, Terence Blanchard, Hubert Laws, Mingus Big Band, Spanish Harlem Orchestra and Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra. The event was renamed the Bellevue Jazz & Blues Festival in 2015.

The festival is produced by the Bellevue Downtown Association, a non-profit membership organization with a mission to strengthen the economic and cultural vitality of Downtown Bellevue. The 2017 Bellevue Jazz & Blues Festival sponsors are the City of Bellevue, Microsoft, Washington Federal, Bellevue Arts Museum, KNKX 88.5 FM, The Bellevue Reporter, 425 Magazine and Gravity Creative.

More information about the Bellevue Jazz & Blues Festival can be found at www.BellevueDowntown.com.

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