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Thousands of people expected to attend the 14th Annual Jazz on the River Festival

Detroit, Michigan (July 23, 2009) –More than 50,000 attendees and marks the event debut partnership between Wayne County Parks and Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts – Together, they have influenced the history of arts, culture and leisure in southeast Michigan. In celebration of Jazz in southeast Michigan, this year's incredible lineup brings new and exciting aspects to the festival and includes jazz icons Marion Meadows, Michael Lington, Paul Taylor, Alex Bugnon, Nelson Rangell and many more!

With just a short drive off I-75, the quiet downriver town of Trenton will once again reverberate with the sounds and rhythms of some of the world's most renowned jazz icons. The 14th year of Jazz on the River will provide two full days of events on August 1st and 2nd along the river's edge in Elizabeth Park. International artists including Marion Meadows, Michael Lington, Paul Taylor, Alex Bugnon and Nelson Rangell are but a few of the world legends that will be featured during this festival.

This star studded extravaganza will also feature Detroit's significant mainstays and emerging artists including Randy Scott, Charles & Gwen Scales, Kimmie Horn and Music Hall's Discovery Series contest silver medal winner (to be announced).

This year, a **free Jazz education tent** will provide a special opportunity for our youth to *meet the artists* while they learn history and rhythms of jazz music through Wynton Marsalis' Jazz for Young People training.

While bringing grills and alcoholic beverages into Wayne County parks is not permitted, local fare such as fried catfish, BBQ ribs and chicken, wings, hotdogs, burgers & brauts,

veggies, ice cream and other special treats will be available for purchase at reasonable prices. A wide assortment of favorite beverages will be sold by Music Hall.

Special concert T-shirts, hats and tanks along with artist CD's will be available for purchase throughout the event.

Parking is available in Elizabeth Park with a \$5.00 donation in support of Wayne County Parks or ride SMART's free shuttles to Elizabeth Park from local parking areas in the City of Trenton. Parking is available at the corner of Jefferson and West Road and Jefferson and Elm. Shuttles will run continuously throughout the festival.

Elizabeth Park was the first County Park in the State of Michigan and is celebrating its 90th birthday in 2009! Elizabeth Park sits like an emerald jewel along the banks of the Detroit River, and features over 1,300 feet of river walk for fishing and river watching. In addition Elizabeth Park also offers activities such as softball, cycling, in-line skating, and hiking. Jazz on the River brings jazz to the park where you can sit on the river and listen to the best music in the Midwest! A 52-slip transient marina and boat launch are also located along the shoreline of this picturesque park.

Schedule

	Saturday	Sunday
Noon	Discovery Series Winner	Jesse Palter
1:30	Shiron Denise	Ron English
3:15	Angelo Primo	Lola Morales
5:00	Kimmie Horn Show	Charles and Gwen
	Scales	
6:45	Terrance Palmer	Randy Scott
8:30	Alex Bugnon & Nelson Rangell	Marion Meadows,
	Michael	
		Lington and Paul
	Taylor	

WHAT: Jazz on the River 2009
Wayne County Parks 14th Annual Free Jazz Festival

WHEN: August 1-2, 2009 Noon to 10:00 p.m.

WHERE: Elizabeth Park, Trenton Michigan – 20 Miles south of Detroit off I-75

PRICES: Free concert with \$5.00 parking donation to Wayne County Parks

INFORMATION: www.jazzontheriver.org
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