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## **2010 DC Jazz Festival Kicks-off with Performances at the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage**

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June 1, 2010: Washington, D.C. – The 2010 DC Jazz Festival (formerly the Duke Ellington Jazz Festival) kicks off on June 1 at the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage with a performance by Trinidadian trumpeter Etienne Charles in the first of more than 100 performances of the 13-day festival, marking the sixth jazz “takeover” of the Nation’s Capital.

Celebrating the rich jazz history of Washington, D.C., the DC Jazz Festival (DCJF) is the largest music festival in the city, with more than 100 programs in nearly 50 venues. The DCJF attracts thousands of residents and visitors to see locally, nationally and internationally renowned jazz artists and to pay tribute to legendary jazz greats. This year’s festival celebrates the quintessential American art form that originated and developed in the United States, with artists including Roberta Flack, Eddie Palmieri, Poncho Sanchez, Roy Hargrove, Paquito D’Rivera, and the Dizzy Gillespie All-stars, among others.

Highlights of the DCJF include an **All-Star tribute to NEA Jazz Master James Moody at the Lincoln Theatre**, with the Dizzy Gillespie™ All-Stars, and special guests NEA Jazz Masters Kenny Barron and Paquito D’Rivera, Regina Carter, Roy Hargrove and Roberta Gambarini on June 10; **Jazz Under the Stars at the Carter Barron Amphitheatre** featuring Colombian harp sensation Edmar Castaneda and the Poncho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band on June 11; **Jazz at The Lisner Auditorium** (George Washington University) -- a free matinee concert featuring Brazilian trumpeter Claudio Roditi, and the Eddie Palmieri Latin Jazz Band, and a ticketed evening concert with vocalist Roberta Flack, plus the Roy Hargrove Big Band, on June 12; and **NEA American Masterpieces festival-commissioned World Premiere of Paquito D’Rivera and the Jelly Roll Morton Latin Tinge**, for clarinet, trumpet, string quartet and percussion, at the Kennedy Center’s Terrace Theater on June 13.

Additionally, the DCJF will present two free days of activities at **Jazz ‘n Families Fun Days** at the Phillips Collection on June 5 and 6 and free student concerts and master classes. The festival also features the return of the highly popular **Jazz in the ‘Hoods** presented by the Washington Convention and Sports Authority and **Brunchin’ in the ‘Hoods**, held June 1 - 13, which includes performances at more than 30 restaurants, clubs, hotels and art galleries across the city.

### Additional resources

- Purchase [tickets](#)  
([http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/dejf\\_tickets\\_information](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/dejf_tickets_information))
- See most updated performance [schedule](#)  
([http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/schedule\\_and\\_special\\_events](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/schedule_and_special_events))
- View DCJF [sponsor list](#)  
(<http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/sponsors>)
- DC Jazz Festival [Hotel Package](#)

<http://www.marriott.com/specials/mesOffer.mi?marrOfferId=481371&mp;displayLink=true>

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### 2010 DC Jazz Festival: "KEY" Events

([http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/schedule\\_and\\_special\\_events](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/schedule_and_special_events))

- June 1: [Jazz on the Potomac \(http://www.kennedy-center.org/explorer/artists/?entity\\_id=57113&source\\_type=B\)](http://www.kennedy-center.org/explorer/artists/?entity_id=57113&source_type=B): Kennedy Center Millennium Stage with Trinidadian trumpeter Etienne Charles (Free)
- June 2: [Jazz on the Potomac \(http://www.kennedy-center.org/explorer/artists/?entity\\_id=9810&source\\_type=Bl\)](http://www.kennedy-center.org/explorer/artists/?entity_id=9810&source_type=Bl): Kennedy Center Millennium Stage with the Berklee World Jazz Nonet (Free)
- June 1-13: [Jazz in the 'Hoods presented by the Washington Convention and Sports Authority](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz_in_the_hoods) ([http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz\\_in\\_the\\_hoods](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz_in_the_hoods)): **Over 80 shows in 30+** clubs, restaurants, and hotels
- June 3: [Jazz at the Smithsonian American Art Museum \(http://americanart.si.edu/calendar/performances\)](http://americanart.si.edu/calendar/performances): featuring saxophonist Marshall Keys (Free)
- June 3: [Phillips After Five \(http://www.phillipscollection.org/programs/after5/index.aspx\)](http://www.phillipscollection.org/programs/after5/index.aspx): featuring pianist Janelle Gill at The Phillips Collection
- June 4: [Jazz in the Garden \(http://www.nga.gov/programs/jazz\)](http://www.nga.gov/programs/jazz): (National Gallery of Art) featuring the Berklee World Jazz Nonet (Free)
- June 5-6: [Jazz 'n Families Fun Days \(http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz\\_n\\_families\\_fun\\_day\)](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz_n_families_fun_day):— co-presented with and at The Phillips Collection featuring jazz artists George V. Johnson, Janelle Gill, Victor Provost, DC Jazz Collaborative, Brad Linde, and others. (Free)
- June 8: **Rising Star** concert at the [Sixth and I Historic Synagogue \(http://www.sixthandi.org/EventDetails.aspx?eventID=365&dispDt=6/8/2010%208:00:00%20PM\)](http://www.sixthandi.org/EventDetails.aspx?eventID=365&dispDt=6/8/2010%208:00:00%20PM), "A Tribute to Oscar Peterson featuring pianist Marian Petrescu with Special Guest guitarist Andreas Öberg"
- June 9: **Rising Star** concert at the [WDC Jewish Community Center \(http://washingtondcjcc.org/center-for-arts/music/wjmf/2010-wjmf/buy-tickets-1.html#Uri\\_Gurvich\\_Quartet\\_The\\_Storyteller\)](http://washingtondcjcc.org/center-for-arts/music/wjmf/2010-wjmf/buy-tickets-1.html#Uri_Gurvich_Quartet_The_Storyteller) featuring saxophonist Uri Gurvich
- June 10: [NEA Jazz Masters Live Concert \(http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/nea\\_jazz\\_masters\\_live\)](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/nea_jazz_masters_live) at The Lincoln Theatre; an all-star tribute to NEA Jazz Master James Moody featuring NEA Jazz Masters Kenny Barron and Paquito D'Rivera, the Dizzy Gillespie All-Stars, Roy Hargrove, Roberta Gambarini, Regina Carter and other guest artists.
- June 11: [Jazz at the Carter Barron Amphitheatre \(http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz\\_under\\_the\\_stars\)](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz_under_the_stars): featuring jazz harpist Edmar Castaneda and the Poncho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band.
- June 12: [Jazz at the Lisner Auditorium \(http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz\\_at\\_the\\_lisner\)](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz_at_the_lisner): Claudio Roditi Quartet and the Eddie Palmieri Latin Jazz Band (matinee); and Roberta Flack and the Roy Hargrove Big Band with special guest Roberta Gambarini (evening).
- June 13: **Kennedy Center Terrace Theater [Paquito D'Rivera and The Jelly Roll Morton Latin Tinge Project \(http://www.kennedy-center.org/calendar/?fuseaction=showEvent&event=MKJGM\)](http://www.kennedy-center.org/calendar/?fuseaction=showEvent&event=MKJGM)** with Akua Dixon and Quartette Indigo, Michael Philip Mossman, Music Director, a commissioned National Endowment for the Arts American

Masterpieces concert/

June 5-9:

**DCJF Master Classes**

([http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/master\\_classes](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/master_classes)) / **Student Concerts** ([http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/student\\_concerts](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/student_concerts)):

Enriching educational Programs at the THEARC Performing Arts Center in Anacostia, Sitar Arts Center in Adams Morgan, and the Atlas Performing Arts Center on the H Street corridor for more than 1,000 DCPS and DC charter school students

Following the tremendous success of last year's events, the DC Jazz Festival was re-branded to highlight the national and international impact of this significant cultural offering in the nation's capital. To date, proud sponsors and partners include: Patton Boggs, LLP; Microsoft Corporation; the National Endowment for the Arts; Renaissance Dupont Circle Hotel; Sage Communication; ABC-TV/WJLA; The Washington Convention and Sports Authority; Michael and Linda Sonnenreich; the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation; National Education Association Foundation; The Phillips Collection; the Washington City Paper; Georgetown University Hospital; Radio One; Coors Foundation, DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities; Bacardi; WMATA (Metro), Washington Informer, Acura, Coca-Cola, and Amtrak, among others.

**About the DC Jazz Festival**

With more than 100 performances in dozens of venues across the city, the DC Jazz Festival is the largest music festival in Washington, D.C. and has become one of the most highly-anticipated cultural events in the nation's capital. The Festival presents year-round music programs and performances by local, national and internationally-known artists, promotes music integration in school curricula and actively engages in community outreach to expand and diversify the audience of jazz enthusiasts. For more information about DC Jazz Festival and our upcoming programs, visit [www.dcjazzfest.org](http://www.dcjazzfest.org).

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