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**Bobby McFerrin, Roy Hargrove, Eddie Palmieri, Claudia Acuña and the Heath Brothers Headline 7<sup>th</sup> Annual DC Jazz Festival**

**March 24, 2011, Washington, D.C.**—The [DC Jazz Festival](#) (DCJF), today announced its 2011 major artist lineup, which includes multiple Grammy-Award winners [Bobby McFerrin](#), trumpeter [Roy Hargrove](#), and Latin Jazz legend [Eddie Palmieri](#); as well as the legendary [Heath Brothers](#); pianist [Cyrus Chestnut](#); saxophonists [Antonio Hart](#) and [JD Allen](#), and Chilean vocalist [Claudia Acuña](#).

Concluding the festival, The DCJF and the Kennedy Center will present [A Night in Tremé: The Musical Majesty of New Orleans](#) with the star of HBO's mini-series Tremé [Wendell Pierce](#), [the Rebirth Brass Band](#); master clarinetist [Dr. Michael White](#), funky trombonist [Big Sam Williams](#), and trumpeter [James Andrews](#) under the musical direction of saxophonist [Donald Harrison](#).

"This year's outstanding headliners help further our mission to provide Washington, D.C. area residents and out-of-town visitors with dazzling and enriching performances," said DC Jazz Festival Executive Producer Charles Fishman. "We are proud to partner with top venues across the city to bring some of the finest artists in the jazz genre to the nation's capital."

Artists will perform at more than 45 venues throughout Washington, D.C., including the National Mall, the Kennedy Center and Warner Theatre. Signature programs include the highly popular **Jazz n' Families Fun Days**, at The Phillips Collection, and **Jazz in the 'Hoods** presented by Washington Convention and Sports Authority, which includes performances at more than 30 venues, including museums, restaurants and clubs across the city.

Headline performances include:

[Bobby McFerrin](#), performing from his latest recording, [VOCABuLarieS](#), with [Howard University's Afro Blue Reunion Choir](#)  
*Saturday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m.*  
[Warner Theatre](#)  
[Tickets \(T\)](#)

Best-known for his worldwide hit, *Don't Worry Be Happy*, Bobby McFerrin, will

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highlight his most recent recording, VOCABuLarieS, with Howard University's Afro Blue Reunion Choir.

**Jazz on the National Mall presented by [Bing](#)**

*Sunday, June 12 at 1:00 p.m.*

**[National Mall / Sylvan Amphitheater](#)**

After a one-year hiatus, Jazz on the National Mall returns to the nation's capital with free performances from Frédéric Yonnet, Claudia Acuña, Roy Hargrove & The RH Factor, and the Eddie Palmieri All-Star Salsa Orchestra

**[A Night in Tremé: The Musical Majesty of New Orleans](#)**

*Monday, June 13 at 7:30pm*

**[The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts](#)**

**[Tickets](#) (T)**

A performance featuring Wendell Pierce, the Rebirth Brass Band, clarinetist Dr. Michael White, trombonist Big Sam Williams, trumpeter James Andrews and saxophonist Donald Harrison.

**[Bohemian Caverns](#)**

**[Tickets](#) (T)**

Acclaimed pianist [Cyrus Chestnut](#) and his quartet

*Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4 at 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.*

Consummate saxophonist [Antonio Hart](#) and his quintet

*Wednesday, June 8 and Thursday, June 9 at 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.*

**[The Legendary Heath Brothers](#)** Quintet featuring NEA Jazz Master and saxophonist Jimmy Heath and celebrated hard bop drummer Tootie Heath

*Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11 at 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.*

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**Additional Resources**

- Complete line-up: <http://tinyurl.com/26ds77p>
- Tickets: <http://tinyurl.com/4crcoo5>
- Twitter: [@dcjazzfest](#)
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**About the DC Jazz Festival**

With more than 100 performances in dozens of venues across the city, the DC Jazz Festival, a project of Festivals DC, Ltd., a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, is the largest music festival in Washington, D.C. and is one of the most highly-anticipated cultural events in the nation's capital. The DCJF presents year-round music programs with performances featuring locally, nationally and internationally acclaimed artists which promote music integration in school curricula, and actively supports community outreach to expand and diversify its audience of jazz enthusiasts. For more information about the DC Jazz Festival and upcoming programs, visit [www.dcjazzfest.org](http://www.dcjazzfest.org).

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