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**The DC Jazz Festival and The Phillips Collection Present
Jazz 'n Families Fun Days June 4th and 5th**

*Parents and Children Will Again Experience the Synergy Between Jazz
and the Visual Arts; Sponsored by The Washington Post's Going Out Guide*

April 12, 2011, Washington, D.C.—The [DC Jazz Festival](#) (DCJF) and The [Phillips Collection](#) today announced the continuation of their partnership in hosting the highly-popular, free, weekend-long annual [Jazz 'n Families Fun Days](#), sponsored by *The Washington Post's* [Going Out Guide](#). Held Saturday, June 4 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 5 from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at The Phillips Collection, *Jazz 'n Families Fun Days* will provide entertaining and enriching art-inspired jazz performances and activities for the whole family.

"*Jazz 'n Families Fun Days* celebrate Washington, D.C.'s rich jazz tradition in a unique way by having musicians interact with classic visual art." said DC Jazz Festival Executive Director [Sunny Sumter](#). "We're very proud that our unique partnership with The Phillips Collection enables us to make jazz and art accessible for everyone—parents, children and other family members."

Some of the finest jazz musicians from around the region will perform and improvise pieces inspired by artwork from The Phillips Collection's intimate galleries, including masterpieces by Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Pablo Picasso, Georgia O'Keeffe and Mark Rothko, among others. Kids will be invited to participate in a variety of fun-filled activities, including story-telling, an instrument petting zoo, and hands-on art workshops where they can create their own jazz-inspired art.

"I personally look forward to this event every year," said Michael Sonnenreich, Chairman and CEO of Kikaku America International and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the DC Jazz Festival. "*Jazz 'n Families Fun Days* is the perfect way to get the whole family together at one of Washington, D.C.'s staple art museums to celebrate the spirit of jazz."

Featured artists include: [Capitol Focus Jazz Band](#), the [Herman Burney Trio](#) and [Jazzin' at Sitar Students](#), [Sousa Middle School Dance Ensemble](#), [Jess Righthand Trio](#), [Victor Provist Trio](#), [David Schuman](#), [Michael Bowie](#) and [Sine](#)

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[Qua Non String Quartet](#), [Vince Evans](#), [Levenia Smith](#), the [James King Quartet](#), [Susan Priester](#), [Jamal Brown](#), [Cloudburst Vocal Ensemble](#), and [Sin Miedo](#). [A.B. Spellman](#) will also talk with noted journalist/author [Willard Jenkins](#) on his latest book, *African Rhythms: The Autobiography of Randy Weston* and on jazz in DC.

Jazz 'n Families Fun Days is part of the annual [Dupont-Kalorama Museum Walk Weekend](#).

Proud major sponsors, funders, and partners of the DC Jazz Festival, to date, include Bing; *The Washington Post*; ABC-TV/WJLA/News Channel 8; Patton Boggs, LLP; Sage Communications; the Washington Convention and Sports Authority; Linda and Michael Sonnenreich; The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation; Verizon; Microsoft; LCG Systems; Dworbell; American Airlines; the *Washington City Paper*; The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; the Mayo Charitable Foundation; the NEA Foundation; WMATA (Metro); Amtrak; WPFW; and the National Park Service, among others.

Additional Resources

- Complete line-up: <http://tinyurl.com/26ds77p>
- Tickets: <http://tinyurl.com/4crcoo5>
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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 popular, highly-anticipated cultural events in the nation's capital. The DCJF presents year-round music programs with performances featuring local, nationally and internationally acclaimed artists that 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.

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About The Phillips Collection

The Phillips Collection is one of the world's most distinguished collections of impressionist and modern American and European art. Stressing the continuity between art of the past and present, it offers a strikingly original and experimental approach to modern art by combining works of different nationalities and periods in displays that change frequently. The setting is similarly unconventional, featuring small rooms, a domestic scale, and a personal atmosphere. The museum is located in the heart of Washington's historic Dupont Circle neighborhood, at 1600 21st Street, NW, near the Dupont Circle Metro (Q Street exit).

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