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Series Supports Clean Air and Smooth Jazz

Jazz in the Park Celebrates its 20th Year With Free Concerts in May and June

The Jazz in the Park concert series celebrates its 20th year with the Clean Air Series, sponsored by Clark County's Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management and Clark County Parks and Recreation. The free series will feature national acts such as Allen Toussaint on May 9, Delfeayo Marsalis on May 23 and The Sax Pack, starring Jeff Kasiwa, Kim Waters and Steve Cole, on June 6. Seating for those with picnic baskets, blankets and low-back chairs will begin at 7 p.m. with performances beginning at 8 p.m. at the Clark County Government Center Amphitheater, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway. Food vendors also will be available on site. Parking is free.

Allen Toussaint will kick off the series **May 9** with tunes from his recently released album *The Bright Mississippi*. The CD comes close on the heels of Allen's recent high-profile presence at the 2009 Grammy Awards where he was a featured interviewee in the Grammy Legends series. During the awards, Toussaint was honored with the prestigious Trustees Award and participated in the worldwide broadcast in a segment featuring Lil Wayne, Terence Blanchard and The Dirty Dozen Brass Band.

The performance on **May 23** has been dubbed the "**Clean Air Festival**" starring **Delfeayo Marsalis** of the famously talented Marsalis clan of professional musicians. Marsalis has been labeled one of the freshest modern voices on the trombone to arrive in the '90s. He has toured internationally with legendary jazz artists Art Blakely, Abdullah Ibrahim, Elvin Jones, Slide Hampton and Max Roach as well as with his own modern jazz ensemble. In addition to the concert, environmental organizations will present information, clean green vehicles and plenty of surprises.

On **June 6**, **The Sax Pack** will conclude the series with high-energy saxophone technique that combines their individual styles and diverse backgrounds for a fresh approach to the music that inspired them all to become musicians – jazz. Highlights of the tour will feature original music written specifically for The Sax Pack as well as each saxophone player's signature hits, classic funk, R&B and jazz tunes that get fans out of their seats.

Additional sponsors of the event include the View Neighborhood Newspapers, City Life, Smooth Jazz 105.7 FM, Miller Lite, United Family of Dealerships and the Neon.

Those interested in the Jazz in the Park concert series can call 455-8200 or visit the Web site at www.accessclarkcounty.com/parks.

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nation's 15th-largest county and provides extensive regional services to more than 2 million citizens and 44 million visitors a year. Included are the nation's 7th-busiest airport, air quality compliance, social services and the state's largest public hospital, University Medical Center. The county also provides municipal services that are traditionally provided by cities to almost 900,000 residents in the unincorporated area. Those include fire protection, roads and other public works, parks and recreation, and planning and development. In 2009, Clark County celebrates a "century of service."

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