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13th Annual Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival Features 9 Internationally Acclaimed Acts

The 13th Annual Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival is **August 27, 28, 29, 2010**. This year's Festival features a diverse lineup of American "jazz legends"—including blues, fusion, Cajun, straight ahead and contemporary bands. The slate of internationally acclaimed and Grammy-winning musicians includes: legendary blues singer **Mavis Staples**, blues guitarist **John Hammond**, **The Brubeck Brothers Quartet**, **Spyro Gyra**, the New Orleans-based **Savoy-Doucet Cajun Band**, guitar virtuoso **Stanley Jordan**, jazz organist **Joey DeFrancesco**, the critically acclaimed fusion band **The Rippingtons**, and 6-time Grammy winner and saxophone superstar **David Sanborn**. Local and regional jazz bands will also be performing, and the Festival's Jazz Education Stage will also provide an opportunity for middle school and high school musicians to perform on the same venue as the Grammy winners. More than 20 bands will be featured throughout the weekend. The Festival recognized as "...the largest event of its kind in the Northwest..." (KATU Ch 2, Portland, OR), and has been featured on a new National Geographic GeoTourism map of the Pacific Northwest. The Festival draws attendees from 17 states and Canada, and annual attendance is estimated at 15,000 people.

In addition to the music, the Festival features over **200 wines** from around the world. Attendees can sample wines, or purchase a glass to sip while enjoying food from **9 restaurants**. The cuisine ranges from Northwest to German, Lebanese and Italian fare. Art lovers can shop the **40 fine artists from California, Idaho, Washington & Oregon**. "*The Festival is a true arts festival, in that we present American jazz music, fine arts and crafts, premium wines and great food*" says Dr. Michael Kissinger, Artistic Director. "*Our goal is to create a rich cultural and artistic environment, a palate from which people can sample and hear great music, drink a nice Northwest wine, purchase a piece of art, and just immerse themselves in an arts-rich weekend.*"

In 2011, Dr. Kissinger will be producing a new Festival in **Dubrovnik, Croatia**, modeled on the Vancouver Festival. "*We have been working with our international partners for the past four years to create the Dubrovnik International Wine & Jazz Festival, and it is scheduled to premiere in May 2011. It will be a kind of 'sister city' jazz festival to our Vancouver event. Of course our audience there will be primarily European, since Dubrovnik is one of the top cultural tourism destinations in Europe, but we hope to attract U.S. visitors too.*" Kissinger is also the United States Guest Conductor of the **Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra**.

The Festival has presented such internationally-acclaimed jazz artists including: Allen Toussaint, Arturo Sandoval, Bela Fleck, BeauSoleil, Blind Boys of Alabama, Blood, Sweat & Tears, Bo Diddley, Booker T. Jones, Chick Corea, Chuck Mangione, Diane Schuur, Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Dr. John, Eddie Palmieri, James Cotton, Jean-Luc Ponty, John Pizzarelli, Jose Feliciano, Judy Collins, Kenny Loggins, Los Lobos, Melissa Manchester, Nicholas Payton, Poncho Sanchez, Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Ramsey Lewis, Regina Carter, Rita Coolidge, Spanish Harlem Orchestra, Stanley Clarke, Take 6, The Gospel Hummingbirds, The Louis Armstrong Society Jazz Band, The 5th Dimension, The Temptations, The Yellowjackets, WAR and others.

Ticket prices are: Friday \$20; Saturday \$25; Sunday \$25. 3-Day passes are \$50 advance, \$60 at the gate. Tickets can be purchased at www.vancouverwinejazz.com or through TicketsWest, www.ticketwest.com or 503-224-8499 or 1-800-992-8499. Seating is General Admission. Blankets & low-back sand chairs are encouraged. NO outside food or beverages allowed. Kids under 12 are free with paid adults. For more information see www.vancouverwinejazz.com or call 360-906-0441. **Presenting Sponsor** is Comcast. **Jazz Artist Sponsors:** IQ Credit Union and The Al Angelo Company. **Festival Sponsors include:** Boeing, US Bank, Vancouver Toyota, City of Vancouver, Entek, Carrier, Vancouvercenter, Hilton, Waste Connections, Columbia Resource Center, Twin Star Credit Union, Canoe Ridge Winery, Guinness, Pacific Office Automation, Cinetopia, ClearChannel, FASTSIGNS Vancouver, KEX 1190, and KATU TV Ch 2.