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## Duke Ellington Jazz Festival Announces 2008 Lineup and Plans for 2009 5<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Festival Event

Charles Fishman, Founder/Executive Producer of the Duke Ellington Jazz Festival, has announced the headliners for the 2008 festival, October 1-7, and exciting news about 2009.

### 2008 DEJF Festival Lineup Includes (alphabetical order)

Paquito D'Rivera, <i>DEJF Artistic Advisor</i>	Afro Blue
Monty Alexander	Dee Dee Bridgewater
Chopteeth Afro Funk Big Band	Anat Cohen
Duke Ellington Orchestra with Christian McBride	Sonny Fortune Quartet
Benito Gonzalez Trio	Fertile Ground
Winard Harper	Conrad Herwig's Latin Side Project
Dana Leong	Taj Mahal
Christian McBride	La Timbistica (Berklee College of Music Latin All-Stars)
Grady Tate	McCoy Tyner Quartet
Yardena	

\*Turtle Island String Quartet (*\*Performs only at private opening gala event.*)

### 2008 DEJF Festival Highlights

October 1 Invitation-only gala opening featuring D'Rivera and Turtle Island String Quartet  
October 2 Yardena at the Goldman Theater, DC Jewish Community Center  
October 3 Chopteeth, La Timbistica and Fertile Ground at the 9:30 Club  
- Anat Cohen at the National Museum of Women in the Arts  
October 4 \*FREE **Jazz n' Families Fun Day on The Mall, Sylvan Amphitheater**  
- Louisville Leopard Percussionists (ages 7-12)/Miss Lucy Lion/US Army Band/  
Na'Rimbo (Mexican marimba ensemble)  
\***NEA Jazz Masters Concert at the Lincoln Theatre:** Duke Ellington Jazz  
Orchestra with special guest Christian McBride  
\* **Jazz in the 'Hoods Club Series**  
- Soul con Timba, Bohemian Caverns/Dana Leong Quartet, Busboys &  
Poets/Sonny Fortune Quartet, Twins/Monty Alexander, Blues Alley  
\*Winard Harper at Atlas Performing Arts Center  
October 5 \* FREE **Jazz on The Mall, Sylvan Amphitheater**  
- Taj Mahal/McCoy Tyner Quartet/Dee Dee Bridgewater/Christian  
McBride/Conrad Herwig Latin Side Project/Afro Blue  
October 6 Master Class with Christian McBride at Duke Ellington School of the Arts  
October 7 D'Rivera presents: *Vivas Las Americas* at Cohen Auditorium, Voice of America

### PREVIEW 2009 DEJF Festival: The 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event

Celebrating the rich and diverse music legacy of New Orleans.

*Permanent Dates:* First two weeks of June as of 5<sup>th</sup> year

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**DUKE ELLINGTON JAZZ FESTIVAL.** The DEJF is a highly anticipated event in the nation's capital for its impressive mix of local, national and international artists and its presentation of over 100 programs and performances at diverse venues in different neighborhoods of Washington, DC. A hallmark of the DEJF is the all-day free concert on the National Mall, which last year attracted more than 25,000 people. The DEJF's mission is to expose the broadest demographic to jazz; use jazz as a form of arts education; honor DC's own Duke Ellington and other jazz greats; and add to the city's rich jazz history by entertaining thousands with local and world-class jazz talent.

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