



Charles Fishman
Founder & Executive Producer

Sunny Sumter
Executive Director

For Immediate Release
Contact: Daniel Baez
daniel.baez@dcjazzfest.org
202-457-7628

DC Jazz Festival's Annual NEA Jazz Masters Live Concert to Honor Jazz Legend James Moody

Board of Directors

Michael R. Sonnenreich, Chairman
Chairman and CEO
Kikaku America International

Michelle I. Galler, Vice Chair
Realtor
Sotheby's International Realty

Conrad D. Kenley, Treasurer
President & CEO
LCG Systems, LCG Inc.

Claude Bailey
Partner
Venable, LLP

Peter Bell
President
Dworbell, Inc.

Dwight Crawford
Chief Financial Officer
The SEED Foundation

Gus DiMillo
Principal
Passion Food Hospitality

Charles Fishman
President
Festivals, DC, Ltd.

David Gorodetski
CoFounder & Chief Operating Officer
Sage Communications

Harriet Sanford
President & CEO
The NEA Foundation

Carmencita Whonder
Policy Director
Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP

David Woolley-Wilson
Executive Director
Green Building Institute

April 27, 2010: Washington, D.C. -The [DC Jazz Festival](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/) (<http://www.dcjazzfest.org/>) (formerly the Duke Ellington Jazz Festival) today announced that it will pay tribute to National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) extraordinary saxophonist/flautist Jazz Master James Moody at this year's *NEA Jazz Masters Live* concert at the [Lincoln Theatre](http://www.theincolntheatre.org) (<http://www.theincolntheatre.org>) on Thursday, June 10.

Maestro Moody will be presented with the DC Jazz Festival Lifetime Achievement Award. Previous awardees are Dave Brubeck, Dr. Billy Taylor, Clark Terry, Hank Jones, George Wein, and Ellis Marsalis. The concert, co-presented by the DC Jazz Festival and the Lincoln Theatre, is one of the signature events of the sixth annual DC Jazz Festival—a 13-day jazz extravaganza, June 1-13, 2010.

Featured performers include the Dizzy Gillespie™ All-Stars, with special guests NEA Jazz Masters Kenny Barron and Paquito D'Rivera, violinist Regina Carter, trumpeter Roy Hargrove, and vocalist Roberta Gambarini, who will pay homage to Moody, who has serenaded lovers for six decades with his signature song **Moody's Mood for Love**, from his improvised solo on the chord progressions of *I'm in the Mood for Love*.

This Grammy-nominated and internationally renowned artist, who has been dazzling jazz enthusiasts with his decades-long collaboration with the legendary Dizzy Gillespie with his own groups and contemporaries, will also be honored at a free student concert at [THEARC Performing Arts Center](http://www.thearc.org/) (<http://www.thearc.org/>) in Washington, D.C.'s Anacostia neighborhood on June 9. The concert will feature members of the [Dizzy Gillespie All-Star Big Band](http://dizzygillespie.org/) (<http://dizzygillespie.org/>) -- a veritable who's who of jazz musicians -- which was formed in 1998 to perform Dizzy Gillespie's classic big band and small-group repertoire, as well as other jazz classics and original compositions. Students will get a rare opportunity to listen to well-known classics by Moody and Gillespie. Musicians from the Gillespie All-Stars will talk about Gillespie and Moody, their careers, music and long-time collaboration.

[Tickets](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/nea_jazz_masters_live) (http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/nea_jazz_masters_live) for the *NEA Jazz Masters Live Concert*, are currently available for purchase. (http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/dejf_tickets_information)

Additional resources:

- o Full DCJF [performance schedule](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/schedule_and_special_events) (http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/schedule_and_special_events)
- o DCJF [sponsor list](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/sponsors) (<http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/sponsors>)
- o DCJF [All Access Weekend Package](http://www.marriott.com/specials/mesOffer.mi?marrOfferId=481371&displayLink=true):
www.marriott.com/specials/mesOffer.mi?marrOfferId=481371&displayLink=true

#

2010 DC Jazz Festival: “KEY” Events

- June 1: [Jazz on the Potomac: \(http://www.kennedy-center.org/programs/millennium/schedule.html\)](http://www.kennedy-center.org/programs/millennium/schedule.html) Kennedy Center Millennium Stage with Trinidadian trumpeter Etienne Charles (Free)
- June 2: [Jazz on the Potomac: \(http://www.kennedy-center.org/programs/millennium/schedule.html\)](http://www.kennedy-center.org/programs/millennium/schedule.html) Kennedy Center Millennium Stage with the Berklee World Jazz Nonet (Free)
- June 1-13: [Jazz in the ‘Hoods presented by the Washington Convention and Sports Authority: \(http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz_in_the_hoods\)](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz_in_the_hoods) Over 80 shows in 30+ clubs, restaurants, and hotels
- June 3: [Jazz at the Smithsonian American Art Museum: \(http://americanart.si.edu/calendar/performances/\)](http://americanart.si.edu/calendar/performances/) featuring saxophonist Marshall Keys (Free)
- June 3: [Phillips After Five: \(http://www.phillipscollection.org/programs/after5/index.aspx\)](http://www.phillipscollection.org/programs/after5/index.aspx) featuring pianist Janelle Gill at The Phillips Collection
- June 4: [Jazz in the Garden:](#) (National Gallery of Art) featuring the Berklee World Jazz Nonet (Free)
- June 5-6: [Jazz ‘n Families Fun Days: \(http://www.nga.gov/programs/jazz/\)](http://www.nga.gov/programs/jazz/) co-presented with and at The Phillips Collection featuring George V. Johnson, Janelle Gill, Victor Provost, the DC Jazz Collaborative, Noble Jolley, Brad Linde, and others. (Free)
- June 8: **Rising Star** concert at the [6th and I Historic Synagogue \(http://www.phillipscollection.org/programs/after5/index.aspx\)](http://www.phillipscollection.org/programs/after5/index.aspx), “A Tribute to Oscar Peterson featuring pianist Marian Petrescu with Special Guest guitarist Andreas Öberg”
- June 9: **Rising Star** concert at the [WDC Jewish Community Center \(http://washingtondcicc.org/center-for-arts/music/wjmf/\)](http://washingtondcicc.org/center-for-arts/music/wjmf/) featuring saxophonist Uri Gurvich
- June 10: [NEA Jazz Masters Live Concert \(http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/nea_jazz_masters_live\)](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/nea_jazz_masters_live) at The Lincoln Theatre: An All-Star tribute to NEA Jazz Master James Moody featuring NEA Jazz Masters Kenny Barron and Paquito D’Rivera with Roy Hargrove, Roberta Gambarini, Regina Carter and other guest artists.
- June 11: [Jazz at the Carter Barron Amphitheatre: \(http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz_under_the_stars\)](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz_under_the_stars) featuring jazz harpist Edmar Castaneda and the Poncho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band.
- June 12: [Jazz at the Lisner Auditorium \(http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz_at_the_lisner\)](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz_at_the_lisner) (**George Washington University**): The Claudio Roditi Quartet and the Eddie Palmieri Latin Jazz Band (matinee/Free); and Dianne Reeves, and the Roy Hargrove Big Band with special guest Roberta Gambarini (evening).
- June 13: **Kennedy Center Terrace Theater Paquito D’Rivera and The Jelly Roll Morton Latin Tinge Project (http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/paquito_d%27rivera_presents)** with Akua Dixon and Quartette Indigo, Michael Philip Mossman, Music Director, a commissioned **National Endowment for the Arts American Masterpieces** concert.
- June 5-9: **DCJF Master Classes (http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/master_classes)** / **Student Concerts (http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/student_concerts)**: Enriching educational Programs at the THEARC Performing Arts Center in Anacostia, the Sitar Arts Center in Adams Morgan, and the Atlas Performing Arts Center on the H Street corridor for more than 1,000 DCPS and DC charter school students.

Following the tremendous success of last year’s events, the DC Jazz Festival was re-branded to highlight the national and international impact of this significant cultural offering in the nation’s capital. To date, proud sponsors and partners include: Patton Boggs, LLP; Microsoft Corporation; the National Endowment for the Arts; Renaissance Dupont Circle Hotel; Sage Communications; ABC-TV/WJLA; The Washington Convention and Sports Authority; Michael and Linda Sonnenreich; *The Washington Post*; the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation; National

Education Association Foundation; The Phillips Collection; *Washington City Paper*; Georgetown University Hospital; Radio One; The Coors Foundation; The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities; Bacardi; WMATA, *Washington Informer*, and Amtrak, among others. *This project is supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts.*

About the DC Jazz Festival

With more than 100 performances in dozens of venues across the city, the DC Jazz Festival is the largest music festival in Washington, D.C. and has become one of the most highly-anticipated cultural events in the nation's capital. The Festival presents year-round music programs and performances by local, national and internationally-known artists, promotes music integration in school curricula and actively engages in community outreach to expand and diversify the audience of jazz enthusiasts. The DC Jazz Festival is a project of Festivals DC, Ltd., a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization.

For more information about DC Jazz Festival and our upcoming programs:

www.dcjazzfest.org.

© 2010 Festivals DC, Ltd. All rights reserved.