

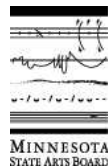
FREEDOM JAZZ FESTIVAL

2009

Jazz for a Change!



SATURDAY – AUGUST 1, 2009
MINNEHAHA FALLS PARK
BAND SHELL
4801 MINNEHAHA AVENUE SOUTH
MINNEAPOLIS, MN



June 28, 2009

Senator Linda Berlin, Representative Jeff Hayden,
and Governor Tim Pawlenty
State Capitol, (Legislative District 61B)
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Dear Senator Berglin, Representative Hayden and Governor Pawlenty:

We thank you for your continued support of the Minnesota State Arts Board (MSAB) and this year's appropriation. The Freedom Jazz Festival received a 2009 grant of \$6,505 from the MSAB Arts Across Minnesota Festivals program.

Your support allows us to present the 10th Annual Freedom Jazz Festival, a diverse community jazz music event showcasing local musicians to residents and guests of the Twin Cities and Minnesota. Public funding for the arts plays an important role in building strong communities, engaging people from various neighborhoods, creating cultural alliances, and improving the quality of life. Even though we are an all volunteer organization, we have been able to reach new audiences, foster positive community relations, and educate attendees on the cultural aspects of Jazz. Our goal is to increase appreciation of jazz, encouraging the arts education, interests and talent of young people to create a new generation of Jazz lovers and expand community arts programs. Increased state funding will expand arts resources and experiences for all Minnesotans.

In the production of this year's and past events we have received support from the Dakota Foundation for Jazz Education, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Hosmer Community Library, local businesses, private individuals, Andrea Canter, a photographer and teacher, exhibitors, vendors, and the wonderful musicians that participate in the event.

We invite you to attend the Freedom Jazz Festival on Saturday, August 1, 2009 at Minnehaha Falls Park so you can see firsthand what we do and how state support helped to make it happen. Enclosed are our press releases and information about the event we are promoting in the community.

Thank you, again.

Sincerely,
Lamarr Scott and Reona Berry
President and Secretary/Treasurer

***Mary Merrill Anderson Congratulates the
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Welcome!

We are very excited to welcome you to the 10th Annual Freedom Jazz Festival and we're glad to be back! We have heard from many people that they missed this jazz festival last year. They missed the superb live performances from some of the area's finest musicians. So this year we were very, very fortunate to have received an award from the Minnesota States Arts Board - Arts Across Minnesota Festivals program to bring you one of the Twin Cities popular premiere outdoor summer events. We also have been fortunate to have dedicated fans and partners that have helped us get here today. We have some of the best down home artists that you will see today setting a Jazz and Blues groove with straight ahead jazz, fusion, gospel, Afro beats, R&B, and smooth funk who really make this festival happen! We thank our planning committee for all their hard work, and our sponsors, supporters, vendors, volunteers, and patrons for helping make this another successful event. We thank you all for helping us create this jazz experience.

Our world has changed in many ways, hence the theme of this year's concert "Jazz for a Change - Music for a Brave New World!" Events of 2009 were historic; a change has come to America that has an affect on our arts, culture, history, and relationships. Jazz has been a revolutionary social force and the innovative soundtrack for the shared consciousness of America as it finds its collective identity. It is the history of Black America as told through music. The tradition of innovation, jazz composition and performance continue to evolve and change. Jazz is a musical consensus that mirrors the democratic process; created in a collective context, each performer supporting and recognizing the skill and talent of the other, each given equality and freedom of expression. Jazz has always been music for and about change, change of heart, change of mind, and change in spirit. Jazz lovers young and old; enjoy sharing camaraderie, solidarity, and friendship as they witness wonderful performances by some of the area's premiere musicians. We honor this harmony as well as the hope for a new spirit of unity and cooperation in our communities.

Even though we have been through a lot of changes, today at the Freedom Jazz Festival we will continue partying with the sounds of jazz, blues, R&B, and hot rhythms that will have feet tappin' and fingers snappin' swinging into a celebration of Jazz and a Brave New World! So get in the groove, kick up your heels, relax among friends and enjoy this amazing event all set against the beautiful backdrop of Minnehaha Falls!

Lamarr Scott
President
Freedom Jazz Festival, Inc.

The Performers

Public NewSense — A talented group of young jazz hotshots!



Minneapolis Jazz Workshop - A great mix of musicians and community jazz performers of all levels



Capri Big Band — A big band orchestra of top notch musicians that rocks the house with jazz, R & B and swing!



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Dean Brewington Quartet (DBQ) - Multi-talented saxophonist and group that brings the music home!

Jeff Keys and Urban Cadence - A smooth musical unit that flows into the pocket!



James "Cornbread" Harris—A down home piano master affluent in blues, country and jazz!



Morris Wilson Quartet—Outstanding sax player and jazz artists that takes you on a musical journey "Coltrane" style.



Debbie Duncan— The Twin Cities' first lady of song and superb vocalist with a range that covers jazz, blues and pop!



~ PROGRAM ~

1:00 pm to 7:30 pm

- 1:00 pm Welcome
- 1:15 pm Public NewSense
- 1:50 pm McRae Jazz Workshop
- 2:20 pm Capri Big Band
- 3:00 pm McKissick Drum Troupe
- 3:30 pm D.B.Q. Dean Brewington Quintet
- 4:15 pm Sam Favors Award and Guests
- 4:30 pm Jeff Keys and Urban Cadence
- 5:20 pm Cornbread Harris
- 6:10 pm Morris Wilson Quartet featuring Debbie Duncan
- 7:00 pm JAM Session - bring your instrument and play on stage!
- 7:30 pm End

Thank You!
Stay tuned for next year!

~ About FJF ~

The Freedom Jazz Festival, Inc. (FJF) is a non-profit all volunteer grassroots organization that presents accessible; family oriented jazz programs that emphasize artistic quality, education, and cultural appreciation. The Freedom Jazz Festival is a culturally diverse jazz arts event that promotes and continues the dream and hard work of Samuel F. Favors, one of the original FJF creators who died in January 2002. Sam left a legacy that many friends and musicians have dedicated and volunteered their time and energy to make sure the Freedom Jazz Festival continues to educate as well as entertain.

One of our goals is to help create a future generation of jazz lovers and musicians. The history of Jazz has also been the history of America. The jazz history in Minnesota is long and rich and each year we celebrate jazz and the freedom it allowed African American artists to create and perform. In honor of Sam, we present an African American artist with the Sam Favors award. This award exemplifies their musical excellence, dedication, sharing the history, music, and community created by Jazz.

New for 2009 are the Freedom Jazz All Stars recognizing individuals for their contributions and dedication to Jazz in the Twin Cities and enhancing the Minnesota jazz community.

Samuel Favors Award 2009

— Recipient: Irvin Williams

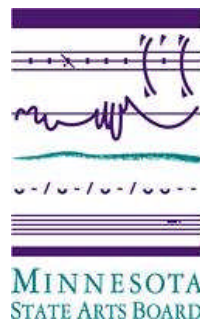
Freedom Jazz All Stars 2009

— Bill Cottman, Doris Hines, Kevin Washington,
Odell Brown, Mary Merrill Anderson, and Jeff Keys

Remembrance

— Jo Jo "Bones" Tyner
— Michael Jackson

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Purpose

To support jazz education and jazz educators, and to encourage appreciation for jazz, through partnerships that bring jazz into our schools and communities.

Description

Established in 1997, the Dakota Foundation for Jazz Education provides opportunities in jazz education that include student performances on the famed Dakota Jazz Club stage, visiting jazz artists in schools, and scholarships for promising jazz students. Our programs and activities educate and support a new generation of jazz musicians and audiences.



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History - MPRB was created in 1883 as an independently elected, semi-autonomous body responsible for governing, maintaining, and developing the Minneapolis park system.

Commissioners - Every four years nine commissioners are elected to this Board - one from each of the six park districts within the city and three that serve at-large.

Governance Structure - Our unique structure, allowing independent decision-making, helps us to efficiently oversee a diverse system of land and water.

The Minnesota State Arts Board is a state agency that stimulates and encourages the creation, performance, and appreciation of the arts in the state.

Board Vision, Mission, and Values

As part of its current strategic planning process the Arts Board approved the following vision, mission, and set of values in September 2003.

Vision

All Minnesotans have the opportunity to participate in the arts.

Mission

The Minnesota State Arts Board will:

- Serve as a leading catalyst for creating a healthy environment for the arts that fosters broad public participation in, and support for, the arts in Minnesota.
- Promote artistic excellence and preserve the diverse cultural heritage of the people of Minnesota through its support of artists and organizations.
- Act as a responsible steward of the public trust.
- Work with the statewide network of regional arts councils to ensure accessibility to arts activities for all Minnesotans.

Values

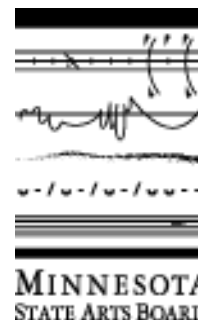
The Minnesota State Arts Board values the arts as a vital element in the life of our community. The arts, in their many forms, provide a vehicle for developing and expressing creativity, a tool for growth, and a means of connecting people across cultural boundaries.



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KFAI Mission Statement

KFAI is a volunteer-based community radio station that exists to broadcast information, arts and entertainment programming for an audience of diverse racial, social and economic backgrounds. By providing a voice for people ignored or misrepresented by mainstream media, KFAI increases understanding between peoples and communities, while fostering the values of democracy and social justice.

Station Information

KFAI is a non-commercial FM radio station operating on 90.3 MHz in Minneapolis and 106.7 MHz in St Paul. KFAI is governed by a volunteer community board of directors, managed by a small paid full time and part time staff, and operated by a volunteer staff of over 400. KFAI's annual budget for 2008 is approximately \$1,397,000.

KFAI is listener-supported, with over 3,400 members contributing nearly half of its income. Additional support has come from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the National Endowment for the Arts, the State of Minnesota, the McKnight Foundation, the Bush Foundation, the Otto Bremer Foundation, area corporations and program underwriters.

KFAI has been broadcasting since 1978 with major signal expansions in 1982 and 1994.



About KBEM Jazz 88 Radio

Recognized as the Twin Cities' public radio voice for jazz and education, KBEM is a program of the Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) Approximately 150 students annually participate in KBEM's hands-on educational program, which focuses on all aspects of broadcasting and production. Students who develop their skills and select broadcasting experience can gain significant on-air time. The station is on-air 24/7 with 35 hours of student programming each week, with live professional announcers and pre-recorded, syndicated programming filling out the rest of the schedule. KBEM is the only station in the Twin Cities market which offers a jazz format and officially provides MN-DOT traffic reports.

While the station is owned and governed by MPS, the KBEM Advisory Board serves in an advisory capacity to the Minneapolis Board of Education and to the KBEM staff.

KBEM was initially established at Minneapolis Vocational High School in the 1960s. The station was moved to North High School in 1983 as a part of the District's desegregation initiative and it continues to reside there today. The vast majority of KBEM students attend North High School.

About the artist - Adonis

A talented young artist and aspiring entrepreneur from Minneapolis.

For the 2009 Freedom Jazz Festival, his fresh design captured the essence of a brave new world filled with change and Jazz, past, present and future.

He currently has designs featured on a line of urban wear available through Lee Greenwich,
<http://www.vsocial.com/blog/2009/06/12/new-lee-greenwich/>

To contact Adonis:
<http://www.myspace.com/mrsaverson>



Adonis Saverson, Artist
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