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# News Release

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## Summer Solstice Jazz Festival Hits High Note with 2009 Performer Lineup

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**EAST LANSING, Mich.** – This summer’s free-to-the-community Summer Solstice Jazz Festival will hit downtown East Lansing with a high-caliber ensemble of local and national jazz performers on June 19 and 20, 2009.

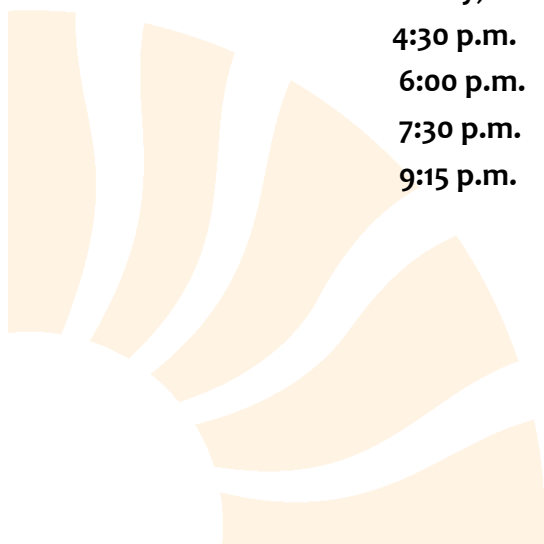
The free festival, co-produced by the City of East Lansing, Wharton Center for Performing Arts and the MSU College of Music, will take place on Friday, June 19 from 4:30-10:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 20 from 3-10:30 p.m. The event is staged under a large tent centrally located in the heart of downtown East Lansing in Parking Lot 1 on the corner of Albert Avenue and Abbot Road.

Visitors are encouraged to take in the toe-tapping rhythms of this non-stop musical celebration, which includes an eclectic mix of jazz music sure to satisfy music lovers of all kinds. Check out this year’s nine electrifying main stage performances:

### Friday, June 19

4:30 p.m.     **North Star Saxophone Quartet**  
6:00 p.m.     **Denise Thimes**  
7:30 p.m.     **Esperanza Spalding**  
9:15 p.m.     **Los Gatos**

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## Saturday, June 20

- 3:00 p.m. Arlene McDaniel Trio
- 4:30 p.m. Linda Abar and the Neil Gordon Trio
- 6:00 p.m. Shahidah Nurullah & Good Company
- 7:30 p.m. Carl Allen/Rodney Whitaker Project
- 9:15 p.m. Organissimo

## Interlude Stage Performers

The SSJF will also feature the following interlude acts: MSU Community Music School Jazz Orchestra on Friday and Miles Mullin Quartet on Saturday.

This year's festival will feature headliner Esperanza Spalding, a prodigy-turned-pro jazz vocalist and bassist who recently performed for the Obamas during a Stevie Wonder tribute at the White House on Friday evening. In addition, headliners Carl Allen and Rodney Whitaker will perform on Saturday evening.

Visit [www.eljazzfest.com](http://www.eljazzfest.com) to read musician's biographies, find a full performance schedule and learn more about the history of the event.

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