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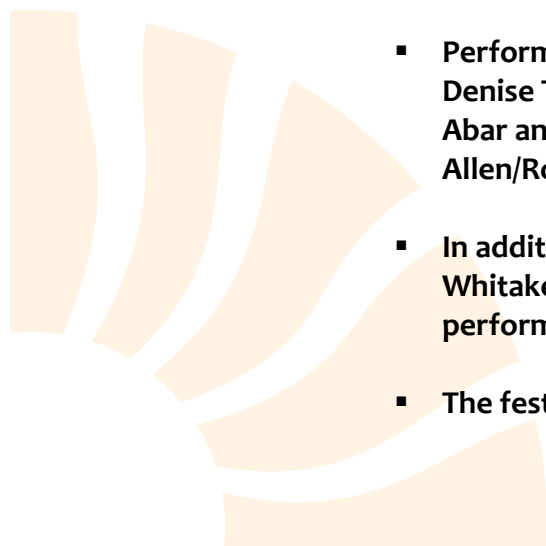
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## Summer Solstice Jazz Festival Fact Sheet

- The 2009 Summer Solstice Jazz Festival will take place on Friday, June 19 from 4:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 20 from 3 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. and will be staged under a big tent in downtown East Lansing. The event will take place in Lot 1 on the corner of Abbot Road and Albert Avenue.
- The event is FREE to the public.
- The festival is co-produced by the City of East Lansing, Wharton Center for Performing Arts and the MSU College of Music.
- All East Lansing parking structures and parking lots (with the exception of Lot 1) will be open for business throughout the festival weekend. The closest parking structure is the Grove Street Ramp located on Grove Street across from 7-11.
- Lot 1, located on Albert Avenue between M.A.C. Avenue and Abbot Road, will be closed to accommodate the festival.
- Limited seating and chairs are available under the tent. Lawn chairs are welcome.
- The East Lansing Public Library hosts an interactive children's area as part of the two-day celebration of jazz. Kids of all ages are welcome to take part in an arts and crafts project inspired by jazz.
- Performers for this year's event include North Star Saxophone Quartet, Denise Thimes, Esperanza Spalding, Los Gatos, Arlene McDaniel Trio, Linda Abar and the Neil Gordon Trio, Shahidah Nurullah & Good Company, the Carl Allen/Rodney Whitaker Project and Organissimo.
- In addition, the MSU Community Music School Jazz Orchestra and Rockelle Whitaker Project will perform on Friday and Miles Mullin Quartet will perform on Saturday between main stage acts.
- The festival draws more than 7,000 festival goers over the two-day period.





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- Festival goers are encouraged to visit the array of dining and retail venues in downtown East Lansing. However, a number of East Lansing restaurants including the Grand Traverse Pie Company, Melting Moments, El Azteco and Beggar's Banquet (outdoor patio setting) will conduct on-site food sales.
- Volunteers are needed. Individuals interested in volunteering should visit [www.eljazzfest.com](http://www.eljazzfest.com) to download a registration form.
- The SSJF is supported by the generous support of the King of Jazz Sponsors, including Liquid Web Inc., Pierce Education Properties, Wharton Center for Performing Arts and the MSU Federal Credit Union; Duke of Jazz Sponsors, including the East Lansing Arts Commission; Silver Key Sponsors, including Albert Place Condominiums, Physicians Health Plan of Mid-Michigan and the Downtown Management Board Supporting Downtown East Lansing Businesses; Pewter Note Sponsors including Citizens Banks and the Greater Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau; Jazz Cat Sponsors, including Metzger Realty, Lansing Ophthalmology, Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C. and the Student Book Store; and In-Kind Sponsors, including WKAR Radio & TV, ASAP Printing, CiesaDesign, MacKellar Screenworks, City Pulse, Guyselman & Ehnis-Clark, Attorneys, Events to Rent, Gumbo & Jazz and Rudy Baggs Coffee Roasting Company.
- The SSJF will also feature the following interlude acts: MSU Community Music School Jazz Orchestra and Rockelle Whitaker Project on Friday and Miles Mullin Quartet on Saturday.
- 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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