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Quilts & All That Jazz!

The Petaluma Waterfront Jazz Festival will be held Saturday, August 11, from 1 to 7 PM, at multiple venues around the Petaluma River Turning Basin.

Performers will include Don Neely's Dixieland band, the Jeff Oster Quintet, and the Al Molina Latin Jazz Sextet -- a big favorite last year.

Don Neely's Dixieland Band

Don Neely can remember sitting in his grandmother's parlor, listening as she played Tin Pan Alley songs on the piano in the stride-style of the 1920s.

At age 12, he purchased a wind-up Victrola and began collecting 78 rpm records featuring jazz bands and dance orchestras -- full of humor and exuberance. He fantasized about playing that music himself.

Learning that an elderly bandleader friend had kept his Art Deco music stands, arrangements, and publicity material, Neely formed the now famous Royal Society Jazz Orchestra. RSJO has had long-running engagements at Earthquake McGoon's and in the Peacock Room of the Mark Hopkins Hotel, where most of the famous big bands played in the 1930's.

For this year's Waterfront Jazz Festival, Neely has formed a Dixieland band for your enjoyment.



Don Neely

Peter Welker's All-Stars, the nine-piece funk band that was featured at Foundry Wharf Waterfront Jazz events, rounds out the bill. More information can be found below and on page 4.

Tickets will be \$ 20 for the day, including 6 beer or wine tasting tickets. The first 5,000

Al Molina Latin Jazz Sextet

Among the scores of famous names with whom Al Molina has shared the stage are Eddie Henderson, Pete Escovedo, Red Holloway, Jack Sheldon, Bill Watrous, Merv Griffin, Larry Vuckovich, Eddie Marshall, Tootie Heath, Flip Nunez, Al Plank, Johnny Griffin, and Al Porcino.

A frequent guest artist at Peter Welker's "Jazz on the River" concerts on Friday evenings in the summer, Molina is well known to Petaluma jazz fans. This will be his second year pleasing crowds at the Petaluma Waterfront Jazz Festival. Popular among California jazz fans, he's also appeared at the San Jose Jazz Festival, the Monterey Jazz Festival, the Russian River Jazz Festival, and the Bay Area Loft Jazz Festival. But his credits extend well beyond Northern California. In 1983, the Bay Area Jazz Society voted Molina "Best Jazz Trumpeter in San Francisco". He's listed in Scott Yarnow's "Trumpet Kings", and he's toured in Spain, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Hawaii, the Philippines, Korea and Japan.



Al Molina

attendees will also receive a commemorative wine glass. A portion of the proceeds will benefit local youth performing arts programs.

This year, the music venues will be in a gated area. Colored wristbands will allow ticket holders to roam to each of the venues with their beverages. Bands will be spaced along Water Street and the riverfront from Washington Street to C Street.

Award winning wines from the Sonoma Marin Fair wine competition will be available for tasting, as will other regional wines and beers.


In addition to the jazz, the riverfront will host an outdoor

art show, and the scow schooner Alma will be available for tours. Everyone touring the Alma will receive a free tasting ticket.

Also on Saturday, from 11 AM to 5 PM, there will be a citywide quilt show called "Quilts & all that Jazz". Highlights include the "Hoffman Challenge 2006" quilt exhibit in the Petaluma Historical Museum, the "Spice of Life" exhibit from the Pacific Northwest Quilters in the Petaluma public library, and quilts by local artists on display at the museum, the Petaluma Women's Club, and in downtown shops.


Saturday, August 11, 2007

QUILTS & all that JAZZ



11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Craft Fair & Farmers' Market in Walnut Park
 Hoffman Challenge quilt exhibit at the Petaluma Historical Museum
 Quilts for sale in garden court of Museum
 Raffle quilts and ticket sales on the sidewalks of Fourth Street between B & D Streets
 Quilt exhibits inside the Petaluma Woman's Club and other downtown locations
 Free Live music & refreshments for sale in Museums Garden Court - Turning Basin Crew performs Noon to 2 p.m., Accordionist Tom Cordani performs at 3 p.m.

Information: Quilt Show,
 421 Second St., Petaluma CA 94952,
 707-775-3661
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The Petaluma Area Chamber of Commerce Proudly Presents the 10th Annual...
WATERFRONT JAZZ FESTIVAL

1:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 Water Street at the downtown Turning Basin
 Peter Wilker All Star Band
 Al Molina Latin Jazz Sextet
 Jeff Oster Quintet
 Don Neely Dixieland Band
 Plus...North of the Gate gold medal winning wines
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 Lagunitas Brewery Beers
 Food to purchase
 No Pets, Please
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 \$20 at the Gate
 Includes wine glass, six taste tickets
 Advance tickets at Exchange Bank branches, Petaluma Coffee & Tea Co., Vine & Barrel and the Petaluma Area Chamber of Commerce. For more info call 762-2785 or petalumachamber.com