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Markham Jazz Festival
“Servin’ Up Jazz for the Past Ten Years”
Introduces the Markham Museum as a NEW Venue
Friday, August 17th- Sunday, August 19th

Markham, ON – The **Markham Jazz Festival** (MJF) is proud to announce the **Markham Heritage Museum** as its newest venue for this year’s 10th anniversary festival. This venue is destined to be particularly popular for families as it is ideal for children.

The Markham Museum is located at 9350 Hwy. 48 in Markham and has more than a century of pioneer history on 25 acres. During the jazz festival a diverse range of entertainers will take the outdoor stage.

Emcee Craig Riley is welcomed as the emcee at the Markham Museum bandstand for the week-end. Craig is perhaps best known as President of Markville Ford Lincoln, but he also contributes a great deal of his time to the community. From sponsoring sports teams, to sending kids to various entertainment events, to auctioneering at charity events, and a host of other initiatives, Craig continuously gives back. His participation at the Jazz Festival is just one more example of his dedication to his community.

The **Markham Jazz Festival** welcomes the following talented musicians to the Markham Museum bandstand;

Saturday August 18 2007

Brandi Disterheft Trio | 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Performing swinging originals with influences from Mingus to Bjork, fiery young bassist Brandi Disterheft has performed at the Montreal Jazz Festival, Mary Lou Williams Jazz Festival, Chico’s Ravinia Jazz Festival, and Carnegie Hall. <http://www.brandidisterheft.com>

James Brown Quartet | 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

One of Canada’s talented and versatile Composer/Guitarists. His playing draws influence from both Classical and Jazz traditions and he has been praised for his fluent technique, lyrical tone, and daring melodic intervention. <http://www.jamesbrown.ca>

June Garber | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Arguably one of Canada’s busiest Jazz singers. In addition to having a beautiful voice and repertoire, June’s stage presence brings her audiences into the magic of her music. <http://www.junegarber.com>

Tara Davidson Quartet | 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Saxophonist and composer she has performed around the world and produced two recordings as a leader, earned a jazz performance degree, and instructed at an international jazz workshop. <http://www.taradavidson.ca>

Sunday August 19 2007

Diana Drew Quintet | 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Playing since the age of seven, Diana has formal training in voice, acting, and five instruments. <http://www.dianadrew.com>

Silverleaf Jazz Band | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Playing Dixieland music, Silverleaf is a traditional 1920’s, 30’s and 40’s New Orleans syncopated style jazz band consisting of seven members. <http://www.silverleafjazz.com>

Samba Squad | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Founded by one of Canada’s unsung musical heroes Rick Shadrach Lazar, the colourful thirty-plus member drum group performs a variety of samba-based West and North African, Caribbean and Afro-Cuban styles of carnival rhythms based on traditional Brazilian percussion instruments. <http://www.sambasquad.com>

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