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**Markham Jazz Festival Expands to New Venues
Thanks to \$30,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant
“Servin’ Up Jazz for the Past Ten Years”**

Markham, Ontario – **The Markham Jazz festival (MJF)** has been “*Servin’ Up Jazz for the Past Ten Years*” as of this summer.

Taking place August 17-19, the MJF is able to expand to new locations due to a \$30,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF).

Traditionally the festival has been held along the Main Streets of Markham and Unionville. This year, because of the OTF Grant, the festival will have a third main venue: the Markham Museum. The Markham Museum is a 25-acre property located at 16th Avenue and Hwy 48 in Markham. The site recreates a historic village from the 19th and early 20th centuries, and includes many attractions that will appeal to families – such as an old-fashioned carousel, a Land Transportation exhibit including old Steam Engine, and so much more. Performances by jazz artists will take place Saturday and Sunday at the Museum bandstand.

The OTF Grant will also allow the MJF to expand its reach into Markham area high schools, where a mentoring/tutoring program will be conducted.

“This grant allows us to reach music-lovers across the province,” said Michael Chan, MPP for Markham. *“Markham is a growing and thriving community, with many new residents from all over the world. The 10th Annual Markham Jazz Festival is a wonderful way to celebrate the vibrancy of our community, and the Ontario Trillium Fund Grant will certainly enable us to expand that reach.”*

The Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Ministry of Culture, receives funds from Ontario’s charity casino initiative. The Foundation allocates grants to eligible charitable and not-for-profit organizations in the arts and culture, environment, human and social services, and sports and recreation sectors.

For more information visit www.markhamjazzfestival.com

Markham Jazz Festival
“Servin’ Up Jazz for the past Ten Years”
Friday evening, August 17
Saturday, day and evening August 18
Sunday afternoon, August 19
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