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The Markham Jazz Festival 2009

Shakura S'Aida

Saturday, August 15th, 8:30-10:00pm

Millennium Bandstand

Ted Quinlan Trio

Saturday, August 15th, 5:30-7:00pm

Fred Varley Art Gallery

Markham, ON- The 12th Annual Markham Jazz Festival rocks the quaint street of Main St. Unionville on Saturday August 15th with soulful, power-house vocals from Canadian blues and r&b singer Shakura S'Aida at one end, and the Ted Quinlan jazz guitar trio at the other.

Shakura S'Aida takes the stage on the street's **Millennium Bandstand** from 8:30-10:00 pm. As a solo artist, Shakura's career has spanned genres and countries and taken her to some of the most noted stages in the jazz world. She has performed at the Apollo Theatre in New York and has been nominated three times by the Toronto Blues Society as the Maple Blues "Female Vocalist of the Year" (2004/2005/2008); she was also nominated as Entertainer of the Year for the 2008 Awards.

At the other end of the street, in front of the **Fred Varley Art Gallery**, the **Ted Quinlan Trio** performs an intimate concert from 5:30-7:00pm. Ted is regarded as one of the most versatile guitar players in Canada, a multi-faceted jazz musician, highly skilled as a solo jazz guitarist, session player, writer, and dedicated educator. He is a sought-after sideman, frequently appearing with the "who's who" of Canadian jazz artists. His music is an eclectic mix of original, contemporary tunes as well as standards both old and new. The Trio includes Kieran Overs on bass and Ted Warren on the drums.

The Markham Jazz Festival runs from August 14th-16th, 2009 and is one of the town's most notable events, attracting thousands from across Ontario to the picturesque main streets of Markham and Unionville. With over 20 performers on four stages, plus 17 "hot spots" (local bars and restaurants who book their own acts under the umbrella of the Markham Jazz Festival), this year's festival is sure to provide "cool" sounds for all fans of great music!

Location: Millennium Bandstand and Fred Varley Art Gallery, Main St. Unionville

When: Saturday, August 15th 2009

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