



**ATLANTA CELEBRATES 30 YEARS WITH THE LARGEST FREE JAZZ FESTIVAL IN THE COUNTRY!  
SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ATLANTA JAZZ FESTIVAL!**

**WHAT:** The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Atlanta Jazz Festival  
**WHEN:** **May 1 - May 31, 2007**; Memorial Day Weekend Festival – May 26-28, 2007  
**WHERE:** Various venues throughout Atlanta culminating in a 3-Day Festival in Piedmont Park  
**TIMES:** Times vary per event – Full time schedule will be available at [www.atlantafestivals.com](http://www.atlantafestivals.com)

**ATLANTA, GA** – Celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of presenting excellence in jazz, the Atlanta Jazz Festival is back for another year of legendary performances, fine dining and eclectic jazz events all over the city. With 31 days of exciting activities and events throughout May, the Atlanta Jazz Festival has become one of the premier free jazz events in the country!

This outstanding festival gives Atlantans the opportunity to experience jazz, in every form and in many diverse venues, every day in May! From the Soulful Sounds of Summer Concert Series to the Late Night Jazz Jams, there is something for everyone to enjoy during this celebration of one of the country's oldest and purest music forms.

The Atlanta Jazz Festival has played a major role in shaping Atlanta's culture and diversity and is often described by Mayor Shirley Franklin as "one of the city's proudest traditions." Offering exceptional talent, including youth ensembles and high school jazz bands, the REEL Jazz Film series, master class workshops and jazz at Atlanta's finest restaurants, the Atlanta Jazz Festival and the 31 Days of Jazz continue to breathe life into the city's rich cultural scene.

"We are so proud to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Atlanta Jazz Festival," said Camille Russell Love, Director of the City of Atlanta Office of Cultural Affairs. "As the largest free jazz festival in the country, we want people to experience and really get to know jazz and its rich heritage."

**May Events – The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Atlanta Jazz Festival:**

**31 days of Jazz:** All month long enjoy special events and concerts around the city, offering the sounds of live jazz at venues throughout metro Atlanta.

**Memorial Day Weekend Festival:** Experience the best in jazz with performances over Memorial Day weekend from local, national and international favorites! Taking place in Piedmont Park, the Memorial Day Weekend festival features 3 performance stages – Main Stage, Smooth Jazz Stage and a Home Grown Stage. With artist vendors, fantastic festival food options, jazz education seminars and a special Kids' Zone featuring children's activities, the Memorial Day Weekend festival is perfect for the entire family!

**Rhythm of Life Health Fair:** Festival goers will have an opportunity to blend great music and healthy living. There will be free screenings for diabetes, high-blood pressure, glaucoma and HIV/AIDS, as well as onsite doctors to provide information and strategies for long term health care.

**Digital Village:** Festival goers will be able to preview the latest technology for musical enjoyment. At the Digital Village, you will be able to download music and onsite interviews from festival artists and much more!

**Soulful Sounds of Summer Concert Series:** Exclusive concert series at Chastain Park Amphitheatre, Atlanta's most prestigious outdoor concert venue, featuring nationally recognized jazz musicians.

**Youth Jazz Band Competition (April):** Area High School Jazz Bands compete for a chance to perform on the Main Stage the last evening of the festival.

**Late Night Jazz Jams:** For you late night jazz lovers, the Atlanta Jazz Festival has just the event for you. After a full day of diverse jazz artists, festival attendees can wind down with a little rhythm at the official Atlanta Jazz Festival Host Hotel.

**A full 2007 Atlanta Jazz Festival artist line-up and schedule of events will be announced soon.**

**ABOUT THE ATLANTA JAZZ FESTIVAL**

Produced by the City of Atlanta Office of Cultural Affairs, the Atlanta Jazz Festival builds on the success and heritage of previous festivals by continuing its expansion with a 31-day schedule. It is the mission of the Atlanta Jazz Festival to expose and entertain a diverse audience of jazz aficionados, young jazz enthusiasts and musical artists to the rich heritage and variety of jazz as an authentic form of traditional music. For more information on the Atlanta Jazz Festival, please call the information hotline at 404.853.4234 or visit the website at [www.atlantafestivals.com](http://www.atlantafestivals.com).

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