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**A GLASS OF WINE, SOME BEAUTIFUL  
MUSIC, AND YOU...**

**Sonoma Jazz + Announces**

**2010 Lineup for Popular**

**Wine & Song Series**

**May 22 and 23, 2010**

Sonoma, Ca. – April 19, 2010 -- Strolling around the Sonoma Town Plaza, looking in at a restaurant to taste a fine wine (or sample beer or tequila!) while listening to superb music...this is civilized living, Sonoma-style. So it's no surprise that "Wine and Song" has been a central focus for the Sonoma Jazz + Festivals over the years. It's great to see nationally famous acts in the big white tent, but the more tranquil pleasures around the Plaza are just as fine. We're happy to announce 2010's lineup.

**Saturday, May 22nd:** 1:30 – 5 pm) (musicians play 2 sets with a short break)

**"Swing Away with Chardonnay"** at Meritage (165 Napa St.)

Ed Reed. America's greatest jazz critic, Nat Hentoff, said of Ed that he "uses space like an inner musical instrument." Reed grew up in Watts, and learned chord changes from his neighbor's babysitter – who turned out to be a guy named Charles

Mingus. So it's not surprising that he's not at all the average jazz vocalist. Said critic Andy Gilbert, Ed's a "brilliant, idiosyncratic song stylist who turns each piece into an emotionally taut tale." Nicholson Wines and Gundlach Bunschu will pour.

**"Salsa and Syrah"** at The Red Grape (529 1<sup>st</sup> St. West)

Sapo Guapo. One of the Bay Area's best Salsa bands, Sapo Guapo is a melting pot of musical and cultural diversity. Their funky, contemporary, and traditional style of Cha-Chas, Rumbas, Cumbias, Boleros, Bombas will make everyone get up and dance. Canihan and Jacuzzi Family Vineyards will pour.

**"Trumpet, Tequila, & Vines"** at Lokal, Sonoma Court Shops (27 East Napa St.)

John Kalleen Group. The JKG is classic, straight-ahead jazz from the post-bop era with a modern spark. A quintet of trumpet, sax, piano, bass and drums, they mix classics like "Summertime" and "Footprints" with originals. It's a real band, and they swing like mad. Patron Tequila and Cline Cellars will pour.

**"Rockin' Reds"** at Swiss Hotel (18 West Spain St.)

The Pulsators. This long-running Petaluma outfit is called a rock band – they've won the *Bohemian's* Best Rock Band Award – but their music is grounded in rock steady, the precursor to reggae that flourished in Jamaica in the early 1960s. They work with New Orleans' own Art Neville, and his piano has become part of their CDs – and the Neville's New Orleans spice has become a part of their music Atmosphere Wines and Robledo Family Winery will pour.

**"Rhythm & Reds"** at El Dorado Kitchen (405 1<sup>st</sup> St. West)

GaUCHO. GaUCHO is rooted firmly in the 1930s Gypsy Jazz tradition of Django Reinhardt, and features some of the best acoustic instrumentalists in the Bay Area. Fronted by guitarists Dave Ricketts and Mike Groh, this "Hot Club" style sextet combines instrumental virtuosity with an infectious energy and sense of fun. Sojourn Cellars and Moon Mountain Vineyards will pour.

**"Piano and Pinot"** at Roche Winery (122 West Spain St.)

Terry Disley Experience. Crossover jazz at its finest, the Terry Disley Experience makes "grooving and accessible music," wrote the *Chronicle's* Jesse Hamlin, which "draws on the melodic, wired-up sound of Miles Davis and Weather Report, the Crusaders' elegant funk, Bach, rock, and a touch of techno-pop." Disley has recorded with the likes of Sir Paul McCartney, Bryan Ferry, Dave Stewart, and George Harrison, he's opened shows for McCoy Tyner, Cedar Walton, John McLaughlin, Grover Washington, and Bob Dylan. The Experience is a trio, with piano, bass, and guitar. Roche Winery will pour.

**"Brazilian Vibe and Vines"** at Sunflower Café (421 1<sup>st</sup> St. West)

Ed Johnson's Novo Tempo. Guitarist Ed Johnson & Novo Tempo perform Brazilian-inspired jazz mixing infectious contemporary grooves while still staying true to the rich history of Brazilian music. Their sound has been compared to Brazilian legends Ivan Lins, Milton Nascimento, Gilberto Gil and Flora Purim and Airto. MacRostie Winery & Vineyards and Highway 12 Vineyards & Winery will pour.

**“Brewery Beat”** at Murphy’s Pub (464 1<sup>st</sup> St. East)

EZ Kewl and Roman Alexander & the Robbery. EZ Kewl describes their infectious blend of jazz and rhythm and blues over a rockin’ rhythm as “jazzy music.” It works! Great cover tunes and the occasional good original, their easy blend of cool music goes well, they say, with “cocktails, any kind of beer, Northern California wine, a damn good cup of coffee, a sopt of tea, a good woman, a bad man, or just sitting back groovin’.” Roman Alexander & the Robbery’s music, one critic wrote, is “Built on an irie (as in Rastafarian) foundation of snappy rim shots, the soulful shards of Ben Harper, introverted acoustic music and bayou blues...” “Maybe you like reggae more than you like singer/songwriter slow stuff, or maybe you like that more than blues or soul,” says guitarist Matt McDavid. “We play it all, so you’re gonna like at least half the songs.” Lagunitas Brewery and Lost Coast Brewery will pour.

**“Freestyle Fiji”** at Union Bank (500 Broadway)

Sonoma Jazz + In-School Students. Fiji Water will pour.

**Sunday, May 23**

**“JazZin”** at Meritage (165 Napa St.)

Denise Perrier & Swing Fever. Denise Perrier is one of the foremost blues and jazz vocalists in the Bay Area. She has a very swinging straight-ahead style, a rich contralto voice and sings ballads and blues with equal artistry while concentrating on the standards. Swing Fever is a small swing band with a big band sound performing witty and romantic tunes from the 1930s and ‘40s. Expect a wonderful jazz collaboration. Blackstone Winery and Ravenswood Winery will pour.

**“Salsa & Blends”** at The Red Grape, (529 1<sup>st</sup> St. West)

Salsa Dura. Salsa Dura plays original hard driving West Coast Salsa and covers of salsa standards. The group is very danceable, very listenable and with plenty of jazz leanings that are sure to fascinate listeners and dancers alike. Little Vineyards Family Winery and Muscardini Cellars will pour.

**“Drinks in Dixie”** at Lokal, Sonoma Court Shops (27 East Napa St.)

Big Money in Jazz Dixieland Band. Mal Sharpe came to prominence in the ‘60s with a hilarious sequence of man-in-the-street interviews for radio station KGO. He currently hosts a radio show at KCSM, the leading jazz station of Northern California. But his heart is with playing – and that’s the Big Money band. It’s a loose floating collection of some of the best of the Bay Area’s traditional jazz players from bands like Turk Murphy, Dan Hicks, Earl Hines, and the South Frisco Jazz Band, along with guest singers like Faye Carol, Kellye gray, Lady Mem’fis, Kim Nalley and Rhonda Benin. More fun that you imagine is possible. Patron Tequila and Westwood Winery will pour.

**“Rockin’ Reds”** at Swiss Hotel (18 West Spain St.)

Mitch Woods & His Rocket 88s. Long-time Bay Area faves, Mitch Woods & His Rocket 88s have been torchbearers for the great American blues musical heritage for

more than twenty years. They take their inspiration from the great jump and boogie outfits of the late 1940s and early '50s, the jumpin', jivin', shoutin', honkin', pumpin' and poundin' bands of Louis Jordan, Wynonie Harris, Joe and Jimmy Liggin's, and Amos Milburn. Boogie on down! Bartholomew Park and Wellington Vineyards will pour.

**“Sparkling Soul & Sauvignon”** at El Dorado Kitchen (405 1<sup>st</sup> St. West)

Crystal Monee Hall & the Jazz Mafia. Crystal is a Southern “church girl” who grew up in the choir and then learned piano. After performing with Disney Entertainment and the national tour and Broadway productions of RENT, she's come to the Bay Area and played such venues as Yoshi's and the Napa Valley Opera House. She recently debuted an original blues piece, “One Second Past the Future,” at the Joyce SoHo (NYC) space with her music choreographed by Camille A. Brown & Dancers. She's currently touring with Spencer Day and preparing for the release of her debut album, out this year. B. R. Cohn Winery and Gloria Ferrer Caves & Vineyards will pour.

**“Swing Away with Chardonnay”** at Roche Winery (122 West Spain St.)

Tango No. 9. With its unique instrumentation of violin, trombone, piano, and accordion/bandoneon, Tango No. 9 embraces both a reverence to tango's seductive past and an innovative vision of the music's storied future. Roche Winery will pour.

**“Guitar Riffs & Sips”** at Sunflower Café (421 1<sup>st</sup> St. West)

Brian Jordan Quartet. Experience Jordan's delicious guitar licks alongside Will Blades' classic B3 grooves; a fresh departure from Jordan's 11-year tenure with Karl Denson's Tiny Universe. His own configuration continues to evolve from the Brian Jordan Trio of the past. A sophisticated blend of funk and jazz unfolds around both East and West coast influence. He has shared the stage with James Brown, Dave Mathews Band, The Allman Brothers Band, Bob Weir and many more. Sebastiani Vineyards & Winery and Audelssa Estate Winery will pour.

**“Brewery Beat”** at Murphy's Pub (464 1<sup>st</sup> St. East)

The Jami Jamison Band and The Steve Dudgeon Quartet. The Jami Jamison Band – no surprise – focuses on the smooth, sultry voice of Jami Jamison (check out her take on Billie Holiday's “Good Morning Heartache,” for instance), but it has lots more to recommend it. Dennis Cordello's superb guitar work has been heard with Paul Simon, Huey Lewis, and Norton Buffalo. Berklee School of Music veteran Keith Ridenhour brings a tasty saxophone over the solid and tasteful rhythm section of Kent Fossgreen and Terry Dominique. The Steve Dudgeon Quartet is one of the fastest rising bands in the Sonoma area. Their fusion of jazz, blues, and the occasional new age original will make you glad you came to listen. Lagunitas Brewery and Lost Coast Brewery will pour.

**“Freestyle FIJI”** at Union Bank (500 Broadway)

Sonoma Jazz + In-School Students. Fiji Water will pour.

Tickets for Wine & Song are just \$65/per day and include 12 wine & song + tastings, 4 food tastings, a complimentary FIJI Water, souvenir wine glass & tote and entrance into all Wine & Song venues for these great live music performances from 1:30-

5pm daily. Tickets can be purchased at [www.sonomajazz.org](http://www.sonomajazz.org), 866-527-TIXX (8499) or at Sonoma Valley Music. Tickets will also be available day of event at the Wine & Song Check-In area located by the Sonoma Valley Visitor's Bureau.

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