



## City of Wilmington

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### Performance Schedule for Wilmington's Sixteenth Annual DuPont Clifford Brown Jazz Festival Announced

*Featured Festival Performers Include T.S. Monk, Ahmad Jamal, Hilton Ruiz/Dave Valentin Latin Jazz Project, Regina Carter with the Delaware Symphony Orchestra and the Jazz At Lincoln Center's Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra, conducted by Arturo O'Farrill*

*Jazz Festival Web Site: [www.cliffordbrownjazzfest.com](http://www.cliffordbrownjazzfest.com)*

Wilmington Mayor James M. Baker and Tina Betz, Director of the Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs, today announced the performance schedule for the 16th Annual DuPont Clifford Brown Jazz Festival, the largest jazz festival of its kind along the East coast.

According to the Mayor and Ms. Betz, the week-long festival will be held beginning Sunday, June 13 through Sunday June 20 and will feature such artists as T.S. Monk, Ahmad Jamal, Hilton Ruiz/Dave Valentin Latin Jazz Project, Regina Carter with the Delaware Symphony Orchestra, and Cassandra Wilson and the Jazz at Lincoln Center's Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra with Arturo O'Farrill.

All performances are **free**, with the exception of Sunday, June 20, which costs \$10.00 in advance.

Cultural Affairs Director Betz said today the Festival begins with a special **Sunday, June 13** performance of selections from Duke Ellington's Three Sacred Concerts, beginning at 7pm at the Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew at 8<sup>th</sup> and Shipley Streets in Downtown Wilmington. This event features the nationally recognized dance troupe, Tappers with Attitude

The remainder of the schedule, according to Ms. Betz, is as follows:

- **Monday, June 14** beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Rodney Square, T.S. Monk: Monk on Monk, and the Air Force Jazz Band
- **Tuesday, June 15** beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Rodney Square, Hilton Ruiz/Dave Valentin Latin Jazz Project, and David Sanchez
- **Wednesday, June 16**, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Rodney Square, Ahmad Jamal
- **Thursday, June 17** beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Rodney Square, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy and Cecilia Smith & Jay Hoggard

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- **Friday, June 18** beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Rodney Square, Jimmy McGriff, and Stefon Harris & Blackout featuring their new CD 'Evolution'.
- **Saturday, June 19** beginning at 3 p.m. in Rodney Square, Regina Carter with the Delaware Symphony Orchestra, Duke Ellington Sacred Concert Encore, the Wilmington Youth Band directed by Fostina Dixon, and the Kennedy Center Betty Carter Jazz Ahead Graduates
- **Sunday, June 20**, today's Festival event is being presented by Winterthur, An American Country Estate. The Festival moves to the grounds of the historic country estate, Winterthur, located on Route 52, north of Wilmington, where a slate of family fun and activities begins at 12:30 p.m., followed by a 4 p.m. closing evening festival concert by Cassandra Wilson, and the Jazz at Lincoln Center's Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra with Arturo O'Farrill.

**Tickets** for the Sunday, June 20 event are \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 if purchased at the door. Children under 12 who are accompanied by an adult will be admitted free. Tickets for the afternoon and evening events at Winterthur are available by calling 302.888.4994.

**Free Shuttle service** for the Sunday, June 20 Festival events at Winterthur will leave Rodney Square every hour from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and will begin returning from Winterthur back to Downtown Wilmington 15 minutes after the end of the concert on Sunday night.

Mayor Baker and Director Betz also released today a schedule of special events associated with this year's Jazz Festival that will be presented free to the public during the week of the Festival. They include:

- **Saturday, June 12** at Wilmington's Theatre N at Nemours, 11th and Tatnall Streets, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.), FREE admission and seating is limited (first come, first seated) for "Po/Jazz Connection" featuring Warren Oree & The Arpeggio Jazz Ensemble with Spoken Word Artists Lamont "Napalm" Dixon Pat McLean of In the Company of Poets and Panamanian Poet UVA
- **Saturday, June 12** at the Delaware History Center, 505 Market Street, FREE Admission for a Kids Jazz Jam from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Monday, June 14 through Friday, June 18**, in Willingtown Square in the 500 block of Market Street each day from 12:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m., FREE admission for Lunchtime Jazz Concerts
- **Opening June 12** at the Delaware History Center, 505 Market Street, the exhibit, "The Genuine American Music" is open to the public.

For specific information on artist appearances, performance schedules, and hotel packages, visit the official Clifford Brown Jazz Festival web site at [www.cliffordbrownjazzfest.com](http://www.cliffordbrownjazzfest.com) or call 302-576-3095.

The DuPont Clifford Brown Jazz Festival is made possible, in part, by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency committed to promoting and supporting the arts in Delaware.

The engagement of Po/Jazz Connection and Tappers With Attitude is a Delaware Arts Presenters Pilot project, a partnership between the Delaware Division of the Arts and Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, funded by the Foundation in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts Regional Touring Program.

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