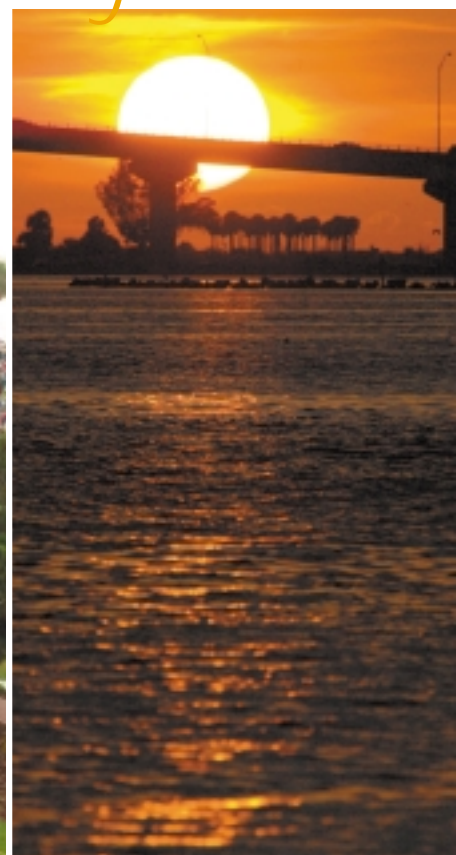


# Clearwater Jazz Holiday



## October 15-18, 2009

Celebrating its 30th year, the sounds of Jazz music take over Coachman Park in downtown Clearwater, during the MarineMax Clearwater Jazz Holiday presented by Mercedes-Benz.

As one of the longest-running and best-known free jazz events in the country, the festival attracts upwards of 60,000 music lovers to the area, while presenting diversity in styles with a wide variety of music for guests to enjoy. To date the festival has been host to such legendary talents as Tony Bennett, Woody Herman, Buddy Rich, Dizzy Gillespie, Herbie Mann, Stephan Grappelli, Stan Getz, and the Count Basie Orchestra, to name only a few. Today's most popular and innovative jazz stars have also made stops in Clearwater, including Bela Fleck and the Flecktones, Kenny G, Manhattan Transfer, Patti Austin, Natalie Cole, Medeski, Martin & Wood and George Benson.

In addition to jazz musical performances, visitors with a penchant for the arts can take advantage of the festival's Jazz 'N Art Walk, held in downtown Clearwater, Oct. 17-18 2009. An added dimension to the 30th Anniversary event, the Clearwater Jazz Holiday Foundation is producing the Second Annual Clearwater Jazz 'N Art Walk on the 500-600 blocks of Cleveland Street. Artwork from 50 different mediums will be on display and for sale to the public. The

Clearwater Jazz 'N Art Walk offers a total purse of \$5,000 for the top three artists selected by a panel of judges. The show prominently features student art as part of the Holiday's continued commitment to education in the area of jazz music and the arts.

Complimented by Clearwater's temperate weather, miles of breathtaking beaches and nearby attractions, this FREE community event, has been center-stage for numerous scholarship and educational activities to benefit the music students of this community - from the blues-loving beginners to piano-playing proteges - and everyone in between.

For more information about the 30th MarineMax Clearwater Jazz Holiday presented by Mercedes-Benz, call the Clearwater Jazz Holiday office or visit their Websites. \*

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