

Selby Avenue JazzFest promises lineup announced

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Organizers of the eleventh annual Selby Avenue JazzFest recently announced this year's entertainment line-up.

"We're really pleased with the diverse line-up of entertainers that will be gracing the JazzFest stage this year," stated Mychael Wright, the "Father of the Fest" and noted Selby Avenue community leader. "Our musical line-up this year certainly has something for everyone. There will be plenty of other things to do including a kids' play area and food & art vendors--all surrounded by a wonderful spirit of community."

This year's lineup on the Allina Health stage will feature:

Dick and Jane's Big Brass Band-Back again for their 10th year, this group will kick off the day with a New Orleans-style procession throughout the festival grounds.

Walker West Music Academy Legends of Jazz-2012 marks this collection of Walker West faculty's tenth year at the Selby Ave JazzFest, playing a set of classics...from Ellington to Basie and more!

Brio Brass-44 musicians strong, this big band mixes in a lot of musical stylings including marches, ballads, polkas and lots of jazz!

Salsa Brosa- Led by Grammy and Latin Grammy-nominated Cuban pianist/vocalist Viviana Pintado and international Cuban conga player/vocalist Frank Rivery Garcia, Salsabrosa is known for their ability to take a party from 0 to 60 in a song. The band has an extensive repertoire of Latin styles including Salsa, Bachata, Merengue, Cha Cha Cha, Latin Hip Hop, and Bolero.

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Jazz Heritage Showcase-This year's Jazz Heritage Showcase will feature two sets –the first from Pippi Ardennia & Yolanda Bruce and the second from Timotha Lanae. Each entertainer will be dressed in period specific outfits. "It's like you've gone back sixty years," added Mychael. This year marks the Jazz Heritage Showcase's sixth Fest appearance.

Guitarist Abul Zuhri with Special Guest Vocalist Cheryl Pepsii Riley- A native New Yorker, graduate of the prestigious Five Towns College on Long Island, NY. Abdul Zuhri's musical collaborations are wider than the Hudson and include musical legends Paul McCartney, Dennis Chambers, Lionel Richie, Ben E. King and Herbie Hancock. He attended Five Towns College, Long Island NY and studied under the Contemporary Jazz Program and Charlie Banacos for several years.

The 2012 Selby Avenue JazzFest will take place on Saturday, September 8th at the intersection of Milton and Selby from 11 AM until 8 PM. The event is free and open to the public. Interested parties can contact Mychael Wright at 651.645.1340, via the web at www.selbyavejazzfest.com or on Facebook for more information.

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