

JazzFest wraps up lineup for 20 year anniversary

Main Street Murfreesboro has scheduled its signature spring event, JazzFest for the weekend of Friday, May 6 - Saturday, May 7 on the Square in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

This year, JazzFest will celebrate 20 years with a lineup that includes Terell Stafford, Annie Sellick, Roland Barber Salsa Band, Marcus Finnie, 129th Army Band, MTSU Jazz Faculty, MTSU Jazz Ensemble I, Ethos and many more. Music will run the gamut from several jazz styles so there is definitely something for everyone's ear at this year's festival.

"Celebrating two decades on the Square, JazzFest has become Murfreesboro's rite of Spring. It's our first community gathering of the warm-weather season on the beautiful historic Downtown Square, heralding the fun to come - Friday Night Live, Saturday Market and our annual summer party fundraiser," Main Street Murfreesboro Executive Director Kathleen Herzog said.

"It's no surprise for the third year in a row the Main Street JazzFest was named one of the Top 20 Events in the Southeast, by the Southeast Tourism Society," Herzog added.

Through the years, JazzFest has been a pivotal force in developing jazz curriculums within high schools and middle schools in Rutherford County. Within that regard, the mutual relationship between area schools and JazzFest continues on Friday night as several high school jazz bands are on the bill to kick off the weekend of music on the JazzFest main stage.

While at JazzFest, many attendees know Saturday builds with performances from middle school and high school bands which lead into the major, touring jazz artists. JazzFest patrons will have several activities with Kid's Alley which will begin at noon on Saturday morning and they will also have numerous food options as well.

"For Main Street members and supporters alike, this is a really exciting time to be involved in all of the new development occurring downtown, and JazzFest offers an opportunity to come and be part of that excitement. Nowhere else can you sit on the lawn of an antebellum courthouse and hear from some of the greatest local high school talent right alongside some of the greatest nationally renowned talent. Spring and jazz and the smell of great foods will be in the air and we are hoping that record numbers of families and community members will come join us for this great downtown celebration," Main Street Murfreesboro Board Chair Brian Robertson said.

The event is a family-friendly event and is free to the public. The daily schedule will be announced in the near future, but for more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/mainstreet-jazzfest> for updates.