

Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club Announces Entertainment For "SummerJazz On The Gulf" Concert Series

NAPLES, FL (May 2008) - A Southwest Florida tradition continues, as The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club will again host its popular "SummerJazz on the Gulf" concerts. This will mark the 23rd consecutive year of the fun, free concert series, which combines the smooth sounds of Jazz with beautiful views of the Gulf, exquisite sunsets, refreshing breezes, and a relaxing atmosphere. Each concert is held on the resort's scenic Watkins Lawn overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. "SummerJazz on the Gulf" will take place one Saturday evening per month June-September, and each concert will be from 7 - 10 p.m. This year's concerts will be on Saturday, June 21; Saturday, July 19; Saturday, August 23; and Saturday, September 13, 2008.

According to Jim Anderson, food & beverage director for The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club and organizer of the annual concert series, the complete 2008 "SummerJazz on the Gulf" lineup is:

- The Mike MacArthur Group – Saturday, June 21, 2008
- Lounge Cat – Saturday, July 19, 2008
- Women's Blues Revue – Saturday, August 23, 2008
- Stacey Knights Group – Saturday, September 13, 2008

"This year we're featuring some wonderful groups that are new to SummerJazz, as well as bringing back the always-popular Women's Blues Revue," said Anderson. "This year's line-up will really please jazz lovers, as we have a nice diversity of groups that put on wonderful shows and truly entertain the audience."

Skilled as a soloist, a sideman performer with well-known national acts, and as leader of his namesake band, saxophonist Mike MacArthur performs a rich diversity of jazz, nu-jazz and funk tunes. He has toured with Maynard Ferguson's Big Bop Nouveau Band, and has worked with such artists as Jeff Kashiwa, Mary Wilson & The Supremes, and Roger Waters (of Pink Floyd). His inspiration ranges from the be-bop sounds of Charlie Parker to the modern sounds of Michael Brecker. The Mike MacArthur Group will headline this year's first SummerJazz concert on Saturday, June 21, 2008. For more information on the band, visit www.myspace.com/mikemacarthur.

The versatile six-piece group Lounge Cat will entertain at the July 19, 2008 SummerJazz concert. Known for its festive shows, the band plays a fun mixture of Swing, Jazz, Old School Blues, Ska, Motown, and even some Latin numbers. Its velvety, swinging style is sure to get the audience dancing. Described as "Rat Pack Nouveau," Lounge Cat has released three CDs, and has performed at many venues over the last eight years. For more information on the band, visit www.loungecat.net

Always a crowd favorite, Women's Blues Revue returns to "SummerJazz on the Gulf" for their tenth performance. Known in the Florida Jazz scene for many years, the band is made up of eight of Florida's best female blues, R&B, rock and jazz musicians. All of the women are working musicians who have regular gigs with other bands, but come together a few times a year for special shows like "SummerJazz on the Gulf." Headlining the group on lead vocals and guitar is Patty Sanphy. The band keeps the crowd energized with their play of jump blues, funky R & B, and classic soul songs. Women's Blues Revue will entertain on Saturday, August 23, 2008. For information on the band, visit www.womensbluesrevue.com .

The final SummerJazz concert in 2008 will be headlined by the Stacey Knights Group. Led by the very talented vocalist/songwriter/saxophonist/flutist Stacey Knights, the band performs a rich blend of tunes with Adult Contemporary and Pop/Jazz influences. The band's high-energy show can be described as both mesmerizing and exciting. The concert will be on Saturday, September 13, 2008, and additional information on the band is available at www.staceynights.com.

In addition to the fine music at "SummerJazz on the Gulf," those attending can enjoy an assortment of food and beverage offerings, as The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club will serve a variety of grilled food items and cold beverages. Guests can also dine at H.B.'s on the Gulf, the city of Naples' only beachfront restaurant, which serves fresh Florida seafood and traditional American favorites. After dinner, patrons can enjoy a specialty drink at the Sunset Beach Bar, named Naples' "Best Beach Bar" by the Travel Channel.

There will be free parking, just north of the hotel at Lowdermilk Park with free trolley service running to and from the resort. Guests may bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating, however coolers are not permitted. Please call (239) 261-2222 for further information and directions.

In conjunction with each concert, The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club will offer a special "SummerJazz Rate" for concert goers who wish to stay at the resort on those evenings. The rate starts at \$179 per room, per night, and includes complimentary greens fees on the resort's championship golf course, two reserved beach chairs, unlimited tennis, access to the resort's world-class Spa and complete Fitness Center (with use of the exercise room, whirlpool, sauna and steam room), valet parking, afternoon tea and cookies at 4 p.m. daily, and admission for children ages five to 12 in the morning activities of the Beach Klub 4 Kids supervised child activity program. While the greens fees are complimentary with the special rate, there is a cart fee. For reservations or additional information, call (800) 237-7600 or (239) 261-2222.

The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club, owned and operated by the Watkins family for over 60 years, is Naples' only beachfront resort offering on-site championship golf, a world-class spa, and an award-winning tennis center. The resort recently completed a multi-million dollar remodeling of its guest rooms, which followed a six-year, \$40 million enhancement and expansion that was completed in 2006. Featuring 318 rooms and suites, the award-winning resort has such additional on-site amenities as a beachfront pool, an Orchid House, four restaurants, and three bars. The resort is located at 851 Gulf Shore Blvd. North in Naples.

NOTE: High-resolution photos of the resort may be downloaded from <http://naplesbeachhotel.com/resort/media/Photos/Photos/viewPhotos.tpl>

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