

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

NAPLES, FL (April 2009) — A Southwest Florida tradition continues, as The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club will again host its popular "SummerJazz on the Gulf" concert series. This will mark the 24th 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 13; Saturday, July 18; Saturday, August 22; and Saturday, September 19, 2009.

According to Jim Anderson, food & beverage director for The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club and organizer of the annual concert series, the complete 2009 "SummerJazz on the Gulf" lineup is:

- Alan Darcy – Saturday, June 13, 2009
- Late Night Brass – Saturday, July 18, 2009
- Women's Blues Revue – Saturday, August 22, 2009
- Big Night Out – Saturday, September 19, 2009

"This year we're featuring some great groups that are new to SummerJazz, as well as bringing back the always-popular Women's Blues Revue," said Anderson. "Jazz lovers will be very pleased with this year's line-up, as we have a very nice diversity of groups that will all truly entertain the audience."

Skilled jazz saxophonist/vocalist Alan Darcy and his band will kick-off this year's "SummerJazz on the Gulf" concert series on June 13, 2009. Known for always putting on an electrifying show, Darcy combines an appealing blend of Pop and Jazz that truly showcases his impressive saxophone and flute skills and smooth vocals. His saxophone skills are often compared to David Sanborn, and his show includes an eclectic combination of original jazz tunes from his three CDs, as well as covers of such crowd favorites as Sting, Billy Joel, and Frank Sinatra. This will mark his first appearance at "SummerJazz on the Gulf." For information on Alan Darcy and his band, visit www.alandarcy.com.

The versatile 10-piece Late Night Brass is a high-energy band that features a powerful four-piece horn section, a skilled four-piece rhythm section (keyboard, guitar, bass and drums), a dynamic male vocalist, and a very talented female vocalist. Headlining the SummerJazz concert on Saturday, July 18, 2009, Late Night Brass will perform a range of songs from such popular horn bands as Chicago, Earth Wind & Fire, Tower of Power, Blood Sweat & Tears, The Blues Brothers, Huey Lewis & The News, and The Doobie Brothers. The band has even opened up for Chicago, Chris Botti, Billy Joel & Elton John, Michael Bubl , Earth Wind & Fire, and Sting & The Police. For more information on the band, visit www.latenightbrass.us.

Always a crowd favorite, Women's Blues Revue returns to "SummerJazz on the Gulf" for their 11th 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 22, 2009. For information on the band, visit www.womensbluesrevue.com.

This season's final SummerJazz concert on Saturday, September 19, 2009 will feature Big Night Out, which is an energizing 7-piece tropical-style band which performs Latin, Caribbean, Funk, and Motown dance music. Widely recognized for their fun-filled lively shows that get the audience

dancing, the band features an explosive horn section and bouncing rhythm section that combines with beautiful bi-lingual female vocals. They are known for putting a wonderful Latin flare to popular songs, which creates a truly enjoyable and memorable show. For more information on the band, visit www.bignightout.org.

Guests attending "SummerJazz on the Gulf" should consider dining at the resort's H.B.'s on the Gulf, the city of Naples' only beachfront restaurant, which serves fresh Florida seafood and traditional American favorites. Patrons also can enjoy a specialty drink at the Sunset Beach Bar, named Naples' "Best Beach Bar" by the Travel Channel. Refreshments also will be available for purchase at each concert.

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 \$149 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 completed a multi-million dollar remodeling of its guest rooms in 2008, 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.

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