



JEBA PRESENTS THE FIFTH ANNUAL

JAZZIN' ON JEFFERSON

THE EASTSIDE'S BIGGEST SUMMER JAZZ PARTY

Saturday June 28th, 2008

The Jefferson East Business Association (JEBA) is proud to present the fifth annual *Jazzin' on Jefferson*, a free street festival celebrating the jazz and blues heritage of the East Jefferson Business district, on a closed-off section of East Jefferson Avenue between the streets of Chalmers and Alter. **The festival will be held from 11a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday June 28th.** Jazzin' on Jefferson 2008 will feature world class jazz performances, a juried artist market, children's area, and outstanding cuisine.

Jazzin' 2008 will feature over 12 regional and national artists on two stages. Headlining this year, world renowned jazz vocalist **Kevin Mahogany** returns to Detroit for a main stage performance. Newsweek describes Mahogany as "the standout jazz vocalist of his generation" and the LA Times raves that "Mahogany is one of the first truly gifted male vocalists to emerge in years!"

Other performers include the 26 piece **Scott Gwinell Orchestra**, up and coming vocalist **Jesse Palter**, Mack Avenue Artists **The Detroit Tenors**, jazz trumpeter **Rayse Biggs**, the venerable **Priscilla Price & Band**, and Jazzin' favorite **Deblon Jackson**. As a special treat this year, a group of eastside jazz heads has formed the Your Place Lounge (YPL) Players. This Jazzin' 2008 exclusive includes members of the **Hot Club of Detroit, RJ Spangler, Chris Codish, Andy Perri, Daman Warmack, Milt & Phil Hale** and many more!

In addition to great jazz, join us for great art. New this year is the **Detroit Artist Gallery**, a juried artist market showcasing mixed media works from over 20 area artists. Also, join us for the unveiling of signature art pieces reflecting the spirit of Jazzin' on Jefferson created by **Dominic Pangborn** and **Gilda Snowden**. Our **Children's Area** will feature arts & crafts activities, wellness promotion information, and family friendly entertainment.

The Historic East Jefferson Business District is one of a small number of surviving early twentieth-century neighborhood commercial districts. The district became the center of the area's commercial, social, and cultural life by the 1920s. The district is exceptional in Detroit for retaining two of the city's big-band era ballrooms: the Vanity and the Monticello. Throughout the 1980s and 1990s, the tradition of jazz and blues continued in this district with Detroit soul, R & B, and jazz artists performing free concerts on the Detroit River within the 120 acres of parkland in the community.

Founded in 1992, the **Jefferson East Business Association (JEBA)** was established to improve the quality of life on Detroit's lower eastside by addressing the needs of the business and residential community. JEBA accomplishes this through our Economic Development activities which include small business counseling, real estate development grants, façade improvement support as well as commercial tenant attraction/retention programs. Our Clean & Safe initiatives work to create a safe, green and attractive district while our Marketing Activities work to attract more shoppers and investors to the area. JEBA's target area is bounded by St. Jean to the west, Alter and the Detroit border to the east, Charlevoix to the north, and the Detroit River to the south. The Jefferson East Business District is located along Jefferson Avenue between Dickerson and Alter Road.

Come join *Jazzin' on Jefferson*, **Saturday June 28th**, for some of Detroit's best music, food and fun.

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