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## 2010 BELLEVUE JAZZ FESTIVAL presented by First Tech Credit Union

Jazz icons, celebrated regional artists, high school all stars perform in free and ticketed venues throughout Downtown Bellevue  
June 3-6

Tickets at [bellevuejazz.com](http://bellevuejazz.com)

(BELLEVUE, Wash.) – The third edition of the Bellevue Jazz Festival presented by First Tech Credit Union arrives June 3, 2010, with a premier weekend bill of

jazz icons, regional artists and top student musicians. Festival-goers will see headliners at the 410-seat Theatre at Meydenbauer Center and experience an elite array of regional jazz talent at more than 30 free concerts in downtown restaurants, hotels and cultural spaces.

“Nothing beats the experience of a live performance,” said Leslie Lloyd, festival executive director and president of the Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA). “We’re extremely proud to be able to bring this event back to Bellevue. The festival allows us to tap into Bellevue’s long relationship with jazz, and to extend our reach to artists who would not otherwise appear here. At the same time, we feature local musicians and students—last year, we employed 66 musicians and featured six metro-area bands. It was a great thrill to highlight 18 of the top student performers in the Seattle area through our inaugural Rising Stars program.”

The 2010 festival showcases an all-star lineup of seven internationally-acclaimed jazz performers. Among them is GRAMMY winning trumpeter, bandleader, composer, arranger and Golden Globe-nominated film score composer Terence Blanchard. *(Saturday, June 5, 8 p.m. Individual concert tickets: \$40 - \$50)*

The Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra and the Bellevue Jazz Festival Rising Stars lead off on Thursday night, June 3. The 17-piece Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra is co-directed by Clarence Acox, director of the award-winning Garfield High School Jazz Ensemble, and Michael Brockman, faculty member of University of Washington’s School of Music. The Rising Stars program celebrates and offers promising students from throughout the region a unique opportunity to play jazz in a small group setting, to learn with noted area musicians, and then to perform in a professional setting as part of the festival. Students are placed in small ensembles and rehearse under the direction of professional musicians prior to performing in the Theatre at Meydenbauer Center. *(Thursday, June 3, 7 p.m. Individual concert tickets: \$10 - \$20)*

The Bad Plus will own Friday evening with its blend of musical alchemy and awe-inspiring sounds. This progressive jazz trio consists of pianist Ethan Iverson, bassist Reid Anderson, and drummer Dave King. *(Friday, June 4, 7 p.m. Individual concert tickets: \$20 - \$30)*

Saturday's matinee show features Pat Martino, one of the most original of the jazz-based guitarists to emerge from the 1960s. Martino made a remarkable comeback after an aneurysm in 1980, which caused him to lose his memory and completely forget how to play. He is renowned for his distinctive, fat sound and gut-wrenching performance. *(Saturday, June 5, 2 p.m. Individual concert tickets: \$20 - \$30)*

Capping the festival on Sunday afternoon is a double bill featuring piano duo Bill Charlap and Renee Rosnes, with opening vocalist Sachal Vasandani Quartet. Charlap, regarded as one of the premier interpreters of the American songbook, and wife Rosnes, a Canadian virtuoso and founding member of the SF Jazz Collective, team up to render a superb collection of standards as well as original compositions. Vocalist and songwriter Sachal Vasandani and his backing trio will open the show. This Chicago native and standout singer—named Collegiate Jazz Vocalist of the Year in 1999—will feature standards and an excellent array of his own compositions. *(Sunday, June 6, 2 p.m. Individual concert tickets: \$30 - \$40)*

In addition to the festival's featured artist performances, more than 30 free shows will showcase regional artists throughout downtown. Combos from award-winning school jazz programs will also perform in the festival's Student Showcase. These 45-minute sets will highlight the rich and diverse offerings presented by members of the local middle and high school jazz scene.

## 2010 Bellevue Jazz Festival Schedule

*\*Gray shade indicates Ticketed Performances; White indicates Free Performances.*

Date / Time	Artist	Venue
<b>Thursday, June 3</b>		
5:00–6:30 PM	Gail Pettis Duo	Grand Cru Wine Bar at TEN20 1020 108th Ave NE
5:00–7:00 PM	Overton Berry Duo	Lincoln Square, First Floor 700 Bellevue Way NE
6:00–10:00 PM	June Tonkin	El Gaucho Bellevue 450 108th Ave NE
7:00–9:30 PM	Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra plus The Festival's Rising Stars	Theatre at Meydenbauer Center 11100 NE 6th Street
7:30–9:00 PM	Eric Verlinde Duo	Grand Cru Wine Bar at TEN20 1020 108th Ave NE
9:00 PM–12:00 AM	Joe Doria Trio	Wild Ginger at The Bravern 11020 NE 6th Street
<b>Friday, June 4</b>		
4:00–7:00 PM	Red Shoes	520 Bar & Grill 10146 Main Street
5:00–6:30 PM	Bill Anschell Duo	Grand Cru Wine Bar at TEN20 1020 108th Ave NE
5:00–7:00 PM	Murl Allen Sanders Duo	Lincoln Square, First Floor 700 Bellevue Way NE
6:00–8:00 PM	Josh Rawlings Trio	The Bravern 11111 NE 8 <sup>th</sup> Street
7:00–9:30 PM	The Bad Plus	Theatre at Meydenbauer Center 11100 NE 6th Street
7:00–11:00 PM	June Tonkin	El Gaucho Bellevue 450 108th Ave NE
7:30–9:00 PM	Mark Taylor Duo	Grand Cru Wine Bar at TEN20 1020 108th Ave NE
8:30–11:30 PM	Thomas Marriott Trio	Cypress Lounge and Wine Bar at The Westin Bellevue 601 Bellevue Way NE
9:00 PM–1:00 AM	Origin Records Jam Session	Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Bellevue 11010 NE 8th Street

Saturday, June 5		
11:30 AM–12:15 PM	Langley Middle School Jazz Band & Combos	Bellevue City Hall 450 110th Ave NE
12:00–1:30 PM	Randy Halberstadt Quintet	Sherman Clay of Bellevue 1000 Bellevue Way NE
12:45–1:30 PM	Ingraham High School Jazz Combo	Bellevue City Hall 450 110th Ave NE
1:30–3:00 PM	Jazz Workshop hosted by local professional Randy Halberstadt, Jeff Johnson & Mark Taylor	Sherman Clay of Bellevue 1000 Bellevue Way NE
2:00–3:30 PM	Pat Martino	Theatre at Meydenbauer Center 11100 NE 6th Street
3:30–4:15 PM	Eckstein Middle School Jazz Combo	Bellevue City Hall 450 110th Ave NE
4:00–7:00 PM	Red Shoes	520 Bar & Grill 10146 Main Street
4:45–5:30 PM	Federal Way High School Jazz Combo	Bellevue City Hall 450 110th Ave NE
5:00–6:30 PM	John Hansen Duo	Grand Cru Wine Bar at TEN20 1020 108th Ave NE
5:30–7:30 PM	Jeff Johnson Duo	Ruth's Chris Steak House 565 Bellevue Square
6:00–6:45 PM	Mountlake Terrace High School Jazz Combo	Bellevue City Hall 450 110th Ave NE
6:00–8:00 PM	The Katrina Kope Quartet	The Bravern 11111 NE 8 <sup>th</sup> Street
7:00–11:00 PM	June Tonkin	El Gaucho Bellevue 450 108th Ave NE
7:30–9:00 PM	Collier & Dean	Grand Cru Wine Bar at TEN20 1020 108th Ave NE
8:00–9:30 PM	Terence Blanchard	Theatre at Meydenbauer Center 11100 NE 6th Street
9:00–11:00 PM	Devin Phillips Quartet	Hilton Bellevue 300 112th Ave SE
9:30 PM–1:00 AM	Music Works Jazz Orchestra & Jam Session	Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Bellevue 11010 NE 8th Street
Sunday, June 6		
11:00 AM–1:00 PM	Jose Gonzales Trio	Z'Tejas Southwestern Grill - Jazz Brunch 535 Bellevue Square
11:15 AM–12:00 PM	Tyee Middle School Jazz Band	Bellevue Arts Museum 510 Bellevue Way NE
12:30–1:15 PM	Edmonds-Woodway High School Jazz Combo	Bellevue Arts Museum 510 Bellevue Way NE
1:45–2:30 PM	Newport High School Jazz Combo	Bellevue Arts Museum 510 Bellevue Way NE
2:00–5:00 PM	Bill Charlap and Renee Rosnes plus Sachal Vasandani Quartet	Theatre at Meydenbauer Center 11100 NE 6th Street
3:00–3:45 PM	Bellevue High School Jazz Combo	Bellevue Arts Museum 510 Bellevue Way NE
4:00–7:00 PM	Red Shoes	520 Bar & Grill 10146 Main Street
5:30–7:30 PM	Matt Jorgensen + 451	Rock Bottom Brewery & Restaurant 550 106th Ave NE
6:00–10:00 PM	Primo Kim	El Gaucho Bellevue 450 108th Ave NE

Tickets to individual featured artist concerts and Festival Packages may be purchased online at [www.brownpapertickets.com/producer/12427](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/producer/12427), by phone (1-800-838-3006), or in person at the Brown Paper Tickets box office at Meydenbauer Center (store front off of NE 6th between 110th & 112th), open daily 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Individual concert tickets range from \$10 to \$50. Student discounts will be available for all performances, courtesy of First Tech Credit Union. ALL ACCESS Package – \$119 (save \$51)

**Premium seating to all five featured shows plus entry to Festival Reception.**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra plus the Festival's Rising Stars at 7 p.m.**

**June 4<sup>th</sup>: The Bad Plus at 7 p.m.**

**June 5<sup>th</sup>: Pat Martino at 2 p.m. and Terence Blanchard at 8 p.m.**

**June 6<sup>th</sup>: Bill Charlap and Renee Rosnes plus Sachal Vasandani Quartet at 2 p.m.**

**SATURDAY MARQUEE Package – \$59 (save \$21)**

**Premium seating to the two featured performances on Saturday, June 5.**

**June 5<sup>th</sup>: Pat Martino at 2 p.m. and Terence Blanchard at 8 p.m.**

Bellevue's jazz festival history dates to 1978 when the City of Bellevue first hosted the Bellevue Jazz Festival at Bellevue Community College. The festival returned in 2008 under the direction of the Bellevue Downtown Association with a focus on entertaining audiences with premier national and regional talent supporting the rich tradition of jazz education in the area.

The past two festivals have featured Branford Marsalis Quartet, Dianne Reeves *Strings Attached*, Mingus Big Band, Spanish Harlem Orchestra, Kurt Elling, Patricia Barber, Mose Allison and Danilo Perez. The festival has presented top regional artists, such as the Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra, Thomas Marriott, Greta Matassa, Gail Pettis, Randy Halberstadt, Overton Berry, Hadley Caliman, Bill Anschell, Matt Jorgensen, John Bishop, Trish Hatley, Jon Hamar, Jose Gonzales, Dave Peterson, Music Works Jazz Orchestra, and students from local high schools.

The Bellevue Jazz Festival is produced by the Bellevue Downtown Association, a non-profit, member-based organization charged with leading the evolution of Downtown Bellevue as the economic and cultural heart of the Eastside. 2010 Bellevue Jazz Festival sponsors include First Tech Credit Union, the City of Bellevue, Microsoft, 4Culture and KPLU 88.5.

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