



Hot jazz, fabulous wines, fine art and delicious cuisine all in one terrific place...Vancouver, Washington!

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## ***19<sup>th</sup> Annual Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival Presents Internationally Acclaimed Jazz & Blues Lineup***

**HOT JAZZ, CUBAN, BLUES & ROCK!** – The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival is **August 26, 27, 28** at **Esther Short Park** in Vancouver, WA. Recognized by musicians, fans and critics as one of the best events of the summer it is *“...the largest festival of its kind in the Northwest...”* (ABC TV KATU 2, Portland, Oregon). *“This year our concert lineup includes jazz and blues legends, as well as up-and-coming musicians who are breaking onto the national scene,”* says Artistic Director Michael Kissinger. *“The audience will hear internationally acclaimed musicians as well as new faces at the Festival this summer.”* The lineup includes:

- **Tiempo Libre** —3-time GRAMMY-nominated Cuban Jazz Band
- **Bettye LaVette** 3-time GRAMMY-nominee, Blues Music Award winner
- **The Family Stone** — 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Family Stone, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductees
- **Tommy Castro & The Painkillers** —6-time Blues Award Winner, and B.B. King Entertainer Of The Year
- **Grace Kelly** — 24-year old saxophone virtuoso and 2016 Downbeat Magazine Critics Poll Winner
- **Heritage Blues Orchestra** — GRAMMY-winners and African-American traditional blues band
- **Nicholas Payton** —New Orleans-based jazz trumpeter and premier American jazz trumpeter
- **Alfredo Rodriguez** —Cuban jazz pianist and GRAMMY nominated band leader

Local and regional bands include Portland singer **Ellen Whyte**, the traditional New Orleans-style band **The Mardi Gras All Stars**, Northwest Latin band **Salsa Nova** and the **56<sup>th</sup> US Army Jazz Band** from Joint Base Lewis-McCord. 16 concerts will be staged during the 3-day Festival. The Festival is the #1 Cultural Tourism Event in Southwest Washington and attracts an estimated audience of 8-10,000 people each year and visitors from 19 states and Canada. Tickets to the 2016 Festival have been purchased from as far away as Ukraine.

**WINE, ART, FOOD** – The Festival features over **200 wines**. Attendees can sample wines in a 1-ounce taste or purchase a glass to enjoy at the Festival, or purchase a bottle or case to take home. Food from **6 local restaurants** will be served, ranging from Northwest fare to Middle Eastern, Hawaiian dishes and Mexican cuisine. Art and craft enthusiasts can shop the **30 fine artists from California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington**. Commercial exhibitors are also on site throughout the weekend displaying their products and services. *“The Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival is a unique northwest cultural arts event”* explains Festival Manager Maria Manzo. *“It is multi-faceted cultural festival, where people hear great music, enjoy Northwest wine, see beautiful fine art, and become immersed in an eclectic and creative weekend.”*

## **DATES & TIMES**

- AUGUST 26, 27, & 28
- Friday, August 26 from 4 PM to 10 PM
- Saturday, August 27 from 11 AM to 10 PM
- Sunday, August 28 from 11 AM to 9 PM

**LOCATION:** Esther Short Park in downtown Vancouver, Washington at 8<sup>th</sup> & Columbia Streets.

**SEATING & TICKET PRICES** — Blankets & low-back sand chairs are permitted. Kids age 12 and younger are admitted FREE with paid adults. Wine, Food and Art are purchased separately.

**ADVANCE GENERAL ADMISSION TICKET PRICES:**

- Friday: \$20 Advance
- Saturday: \$25 Advance
- Sunday: \$25 Advance
- 3-Day Pass: \$60
- PURCHASE TICKETS: [www.vancouverwinejazz.com](http://www.vancouverwinejazz.com)

**HISTORY** — The Festival is recognized as one of the most prestigious Jazz Festivals on the West Coast. Diane Schuur, jazz pianist and singer says “...*the Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival is a world class event...*” Since 1998, more than 150 bands and 650 fine artists have participated; and an estimated 150,000 people from 19 states and Canada have attended to experience the world-class music, wine, art, food—and friendship!

**SPONSORS** — “*Sponsors are really the engine which drives the Festival*” says Director Michael Kissinger. “*Our nonprofit organization, Bravo! Northwest, could not produce this event without the support of our sponsors.*” Major Sponsors include: **Presenting Sponsor:** Comcast. **Jazz Artist Sponsors:** iQ Credit Union, Evergreen Home Loans. **Corporate Sponsors:** Alaska Airlines, Boeing, Coldwell Banker Seal, Entek, Fournier Group, McCord’s Vancouver Toyota, The Herbery. **Supporting Sponsors:** E&J Gallo, Craig Stein Beverage, Collins Family Implant & Dentistry, Michelle’s Piano, MillerCoors, Vancouvercenter, Vancouver Sign, Waste Connections. **Media Partners:** Portland Entercom Radio, KATU 2, KVBM FM, KOIN 6, KINK FM, Vancouver Business Journal, The Columbian.

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