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2nd Annual Sunny Isles Beach Jazz Fest a Sizzling Success!

(October 19, 2009 - Sunny Isles Beach, FL) – More than 1,000 jazz lovers enjoyed an extraordinary lineup of musical talent at The 2nd Annual Sunny Isles Beach Jazz Fest, held October 16 - 19. Produced by the City of Sunny Isles Beach in partnership with the Sunny Isles Beach Resort Association, proceeds from the event benefit Joshua's Heart Foundation, an organization founded by a five year-old boy whose vision is to end hunger among those less fortunate. (www.joshuasheart.org).

The Sunny Isles Beach Jazz Fest showcased the best of what the City of Sunny Isles Beach has to offer. "This year's event was designed to please both local residents and tourists of Sunny Isles Beach, Florida's Riviera," said Mayor Norman Edelcup.

The Jazz Fest weekend kicked off on Thursday, October 15 with a VIP Poster-Signing Party at the Trump International Resort. This year, the original artwork for the poster was created by the ultra-talented artist Ed King and was auctioned off to benefit Joshua's Heart Foundation.

The multi-venue festival began Friday, October 16 with a blazing performance by Jazz Vibrations and Libations at the spectacular Aaria Bar & Lounge at the Acqualina Resort & Spa. Headlining the festival on Saturday, October 17 was New Orleans' first family of funk, The Neville Brothers, at the beautiful Samson Oceanfront Park. This internationally renowned group entertained and excited jazz and funk music lovers, under the cool breeze on a picture-perfect evening. Opening for The Neville Brothers was South Florida's own seductive songstress Nicole Henry and the exceptional jazz harpist Roberto Perera.

Guests in the VIP area were treated to a gourmet buffet catered by Epicure Marketplace, along with delicious selections from Kitchen 305 and Jame's Barbeque, and a complimentary bar. The bar featured Pinnacle Vodka, Jack Flavored Rums, Del's Lemonade, Basix 6 Vitamin Water, Barefoot Wine, Grolsch Beer and Polar Beer.

The final event of the Festival was a sumptuous Sunday brunch on October 18 featuring the serene jazz sounds of Sammy Figueroa and Angela Liano at the legendary Newport Beachside Hotel & Resort.

Sunny Isles Beach Jazz Fest corporate sponsors included the Newport Beachside Hotel & Resort, Le Meridien, Acqualina Resort & Spa, Trump International Beach Resort, St. Tropez Condominiums, Solis, Double Tree Ocean Point Resort, Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, Atlantic Broadband Television, The Miami Herald, Around Town Magazine, WLRN, WDNA and Clasica FM Radio, Commissioner Sally Heyman, Epicure Gourmet Market and Café, Key Transportation, Jame's Barbeque, Pinnacle Vodka, Jack Flavored Rums, Barefoot Wines, Del's Lemonade, Grolsch Beer, Polar Beer, Basix 6 Vitamin water and Luke's Sawgrass Landscaping.

"The 2nd Annual Sunny Isles Beach Jazz Fest was a huge success! It was world-class jazz in a world-class destination," added Ibis Romero, executive director of Sunny Isles Beach Resort Association. "We are already working on next year's event to make it even bigger and better."

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