

12th Annual Healdsburg Jazz Festival June 4-13, 2010

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The Future Is Now! Jazz Visionaries Join Forces in Wine Country

Rising stars and veteran masters to fill Healdsburg with virtuoso performances in the Festival's 12th Season

Healdsburg, Calif. -- Jazz's dizzying rate of evolution means that every five or six years a new generation takes root. Healdsburg presents a thrilling international cast of improvisers, from artists who defined their era half a century ago to today's most innovative musicians, and every generation in between. Hailed as a rare gem of a jazz festival that focuses on quality and soul, the 12th Annual Healdsburg Jazz Festival runs June 4 -13 at venues around the famously picturesque wine country community.

Family Ties

In a rare reunion, bassist **Charlie Haden**, a jazz revolutionary who exploded on the scene with Ornette Coleman in 1959, performs in an extraordinary trio with **Geri Allen**, the most audaciously creative pianist to emerge in the 1980s, and tenor saxophonist **Ravi Coltrane**, who grew up around Haden, a collaborator with both his parents, John and Alice Coltrane.

Rio de Janeiro North

Showcasing more Brazilian talent than can be found anywhere else in North America, this quadruple bill features guitarist bossa nova patriarch **Oscar Castro-Neves** with a stellar band, samba jazz queen **Leny Andrade**, Brazil's most beloved jazz singer, with the superlative guitarist **Romero Lubambo**. The mini-festival opens with two captivating vocalists. Rio-born singer **Claudia Villela** performs her startlingly beautiful original works with her band, featuring fellow Carioca **Ricardo Peixoto** on guitar. And **Brasilia** is an acclaimed quartet led by drummer Ted Moore and singer Pamela Driggs, with her husband Romero Lubambo appearing as special guest.

Stars On the Rise

But this season the accent is on youth, with a bevy of brilliant young bandleaders including the charismatic bassist/vocalist **Esperanza Spalding**, who's become one of jazz's foremost ambassadors with her propulsive playing and lithe singing; iconoclastic pianist/composer **Jason**

Moran, whose supremely resourceful trio **The Bandwagon** is joined by guitar star **Bill Frisell**; Thelonious Monk Competition winner and bossa nova-besotted vocalist **Gretchen Parlato**; and sensational Cuban drummer/composer **Dafnis Prieto**, the leader of the kinetic Si o Si Quartet with Berkeley-raised multi-instrumental magician **Peter Apfelbaum**.

Please visit our website at www.healdsburgjazzfestival.org for complete lineup, dates and times. Tickets available online soon and at healdsburgjazzbrownpapertickets.com.

Complete Lineup

Charlie Haden
Ravi Coltrane
Geri Allen
Jason Moran
Bill Frisell
Esperanza Spalding
Oscar Castro-Neves
Leny Andrade
Romero Lubambo
George Cables
Craig Handy
Gretchen Parlato
Dafnis Prieto
Peter Apfelbaum
Claudia Villela
Lorca Hart
Bennett Friedman
Shea Breaux Wells
Christian Foley-Beining
Paul McCandless
Kai Devitt-Lee
Brasilia
Latin Jazz Youth Ensemble
Jazz Night at the Movies
Jazz & Wine Pairings

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