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JUNE 17-25 '23



25th anniversary: past | present | future



“One of the
best small jazz
festivals in the
country if not
the world.”

- SF CHRONICLE

We are thrilled to celebrate our 25th Anniversary Healdsburg Jazz Festival with 9 days of concerts in Wine Country. We're honoring the Festival's past, present, and future by presenting today's hottest artists like NEA Jazz Master **Dianne Reeves**, 2023 Best New Artist and Best Jazz Vocal Album Grammy Award winner **Samara Joy**, vibraphonist **Joel Ross**, alto sax legend **Charles McPherson**, percussion maestro and Healdsburg Jazz artist-in-residence **John Santos**, New Orleans clarinetist **Dr. Michael White**, North Bay vocalist **Stella Heath**, New Orleans saxophone star NEA Jazz Master **Donald Harrison**, powerhouse tenor saxophonist **Howard Wiley**, and so many more. They represent a range of genres, and we're pairing their music with food, wine, film, spoken word, and the visual arts. Each day an event takes place in stunning, unique, and intimate settings that reflect the natural beauty and creative spirit of Healdsburg. With both ticketed and free community concerts, the Festival truly has something for everyone. Join us as we honor our glorious past and pave the way for the next quarter century!



FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE pre-festival

saturday | june 10

Furthermore Wines presents **Obstant Ostinato**.

Come out for this concert featuring **Trevor Kinsel, Joel Kruzic & David Schrader** in the Little Saint tasting lounge and 50% of the proceeds from the night will go to Healdsburg Jazz!

📍 Little Saint | 328 Healdsburg Av. | 5-8pm | **FREE**

thursday | june 15

Little Saint is generously hosting a Healdsburg Jazz Festival Takeover with a concert by **Hand Habits**.

Join us for a great night of music in the heart of the Wine Country. Suggested donation \$10, with all proceeds benefiting Healdsburg Jazz. Reserve your space now!

📍 Little Saint | 328 Healdsburg Av. | 7pm | \$10

friday | june 16

Harmon Rooftop Jazz Concert.

The Harmon Guest House Rooftop is hosting a concert with Healdsburg Jazz musicians **Trevor Kinsel** (bass), **Patrick Sullivan** (drums), and **Fran Vives** (keyboards). And when you enjoy a cocktail, delicious bites, stunning views with this great music, 10% of the proceeds from the evening will be donated to Healdsburg Jazz.

📍 Harmon House | 227 Healdsburg Av. | 4-7pm | **FREE**

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healdsburgjazz.org

FESTIVAL AT

A GLANCE

saturday | june 17

Juneteenth Celebration in the Plaza with the **Charles McPherson Quintet** featuring **Terell Stafford, Jeb Patton, Akira Tana, and Marcus Shelby**, vocalist **Martin Luther The Real McCoy**, **The Robin Hodge Williams Gospel Choir**, **MJ's Brass Boppers**, Healdsburg Jazz Poet Laureate **Enid Pickett** and KCSM's **Greg Bridges**

📍 Healdsburg Plaza | 2pm-8pm **FREE**

LATE NIGHT: Howard Wiley Quartet

📍 Elephant in the Room | 9pm-11pm

sunday | june 18 father's day

Samara Joy

📍 Bacchus Landing | 7pm-8:30pm
doors open 5:30pm

monday | june 19

John Santos SANTOS: Skin to Skin Documentary & the John Santos Filosofía Caribeña Concert

📍 Raven Performing Arts Theater | 6pm-9:30pm

tuesday | june 20

Grupo Falso Baiano lunch concert featuring **Natalie Cressman**

📍 The Madrona | Noon-2pm

Carlitos Medrano and Sabor de mi Cuba Concert in the Plaza.

📍 Healdsburg Plaza | 6pm-8pm **FREE**

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FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE

wednesday | june 21

Stella Heath's *Billie Holiday Project*

📍 Hotel Healdsburg Garden Courtyard

Dinner show | 5pm

Dessert & Sparkling Show | 7:30pm

thursday | june 22

Bill Frisell Trio

featuring **Thomas Morgan & Rudy Royston**

Camille Thurman with **Darrell Green Quartet**

📍 Bacchus Landing | 6:30pm-9pm

LATE NIGHT: Amy D. + Dillon Vado Quartet

📍 Elephant in the Room | 9pm-11pm

friday | june 23

Tribute to **Pharoah Sanders & Joey DeFrancesco**,

Honoring **Jessica Felix** featuring **Azar Lawrence**,

Gary Bartz, Billy Hart, Marc Cary, Brian Ho,

Munyungo Jackson, Tomoki Sanders, Nicolas

Bearde, and Marcus Shelby

Joel Ross' Good Vibes

📍 Bacchus Landing | 6:30pm-9pm

doors open 5:30pm

LATE NIGHT: Lorca Hart Bridges Quartet

📍 Elephant in the Room | 9pm-11pm

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FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE

saturday | june 24

Healdsburg Jazz Future All-Stars, dir. **Neil Fontano**

📍 Healdsburg Farmers' Market | 19-Noon **FREE**

The Freedom Jazz Choir, dir. **Tiffany Austin**
Gaea Schell Quartet

📍 St. Paul's Church | 1pm-3pm

Dianne Reeves with Romero Lubambo

📍 Bacchus Landing | 7-8:30pm
doors open 5:30pm

LATE NIGHT: Concert and Jam with the
Sylvia Cuenca Trio featuring **Peter Horvath** and
Gary Brown

📍 The Hotel Healdsburg Spirit Bar | 9pm-11:30pm
NO COVER

sunday | june 25

celebrating new orleans!

**Dr. Michael White and his Original Liberty
Jazz Band:** A Tribute to Sidney Bechet featuring
Big Chief Donald Harrison

📍 Ferrari-Carano Winery | 5pm-7pm
doors open 3pm

You can also enjoy jazz throughout the day at
Ferrari-Carano's Sunday brunch with world-class
accordionist **Rob Reich** and music in the outdoor
tasting area from 10am - 2pm.

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new venue

Bacchus Landing 14210 Bacchus Landing Way



For select concerts we've added a fabulous new, outdoor venue for 2023, Bacchus Landing.

Located at the crossroads of three of Sonoma County's premier wine regions, Bacchus Landing in Healdsburg represents a curated collection of boutique wineries, showcasing a wide range of grape varietals and winemaking styles.

The list of wineries includes: **Aldina Vineyards**, **Convène** by Dan Kosta, **Dot Wine**, **Montagne Russe**, **The Setting Wines**, **Smith Story Wine Cellars**, and **Westside Sparkling**.

Stroll the stunning Mediterranean grounds and experience the offerings of this collective of world-class wineries, each with its own beautiful and spacious tasting room. The Market at Bacchus Landing's pizza oven and wineries will be open and ready to serve you on concert days.

The concerts featuring **Samara Joy**, **Bill Frisell**, **Dianne Reeves** and the **Pharoah Sanders & Joey DeFrancesco Tribute** will take place outdoors in the beautiful courtyard with theater style seating. These are sure to be musical and gastronomical events to remember.

sat 6/17

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION:

A FREE EVENT

HEALDSBURG PLAZA | 2PM-8PM

JUNETEENTH



Juneteenth is the African American celebration of liberation two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed. Black communities throughout the nation began a tradition celebrating independence every June 19th with gatherings, delicious food, and of course, good music. Healdsburg Jazz is proud to present a diverse range of music, art, culture and education honoring this holiday, **free to the public** in the Healdsburg Plaza, June 17 starting at 2pm.

Our Juneteenth performances celebrate the wide range of Black music and art, including gospel, early blues, New Orleans jazz, funk, R&B, spoken word, and modern swing. We will also have arts, crafts, including drum workshops in the plaza for families and young people led by Amelie Anna Hinman. Find out more about Juneteenth by visiting our education area, curated by Andi Wong.

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JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION:

A FREE EVENT

HEALDSBURG PLAZA | 2PM-8PM



*Partnering with City of Healdsburg Community Services
Education support provided by Creative Sonoma*

2:00pm-2:10pm

Marcus Shelby Artistic Director's Welcome

2:15pm-2:30pm

Enid Pickett Healdsburg Jazz Poet Laureate Juneteenth Libation Ritual

2:30pm-3:00pm

Drum Workshop for Families & Young People Plaza Gazebo

3:00pm-3:45pm

Robin Hodge Williams Gospel Choir

3:45pm-4:30pm

Martin Luther and The Real McCoy with special guest Robin Hodge Williams Gospel Choir

Martin Luther (formerly The Roots/SFJazz Collective) with his funk/jazz band, **The Real McCoy** will be performing an electrifying show packed with powerhouse classic soul music (Sam Cooke/Marvin Gaye) as well modern rock and funk (Radiohead/Sade).

Along with Martin's dynamic band of Bay Area legends including **Larry Grahams** rhythm section, the soul stirring **Robin Hodge Williams Gospel Choir** (Richmond, Ca) will fill the square with the anointed vocals of modern and old time Gospel classics from the black church.

4:30pm-5:00pm

Drum Workshop for Families & Young People Plaza Gazebo

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JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION:

A FREE EVENT
HEALDSBURG PLAZA | 2PM-8PM



5:00pm-6:15pm

Charles McPherson Quintet featuring Terrell Stafford:
Charles McPherson (alto sax), **Terrell Stafford** (trumpet),
Jeb Patton (piano), **Marcus Shelby** (bass), **Akira Tana**
(drums).

For more than 50 years, saxophonist Charles McPherson has been one of the most expressive and highly regarded voices in jazz. His rich musical style, rooted in the blues and bebop, has influenced and inspired generations of musicians and listeners.

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JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION:

A FREE EVENT
HEALDSBURG PLAZA | 2PM-8PM



6:45pm-8:00pm

MJ's Brass Boppers

This band is an authentic New Orleans singing and swinging brass band fusing traditional NOLA standards, funk, jazz, modern pop and more with a second line twist. They've opened for a variety of acts, including George Clinton & Funkadelic, The O'Jays, Trombone Shorty & Orleans Ave, The Funky Meters, George Porter Jr., Zigaboo Modeliste, Kermit Ruffins, and many more.

HJF late night

sat 6/17

Howard Wiley Quartet

\$30 | 9PM

ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM | 177 Healdsburg Ave.



Oakland tenor saxophonist **Howard Wiley** returns to the Festival with his soul-charged quartet, a potent combo that blends jazz, gospel, and funk with state-of-the-art grooves. A commanding improviser, Wiley has earned national and international renown, recording and performing with an array of heavyweights including Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, Miss Lauryn Hill, Kamasi Washington, Miles Mosley, Sheila E, Corey Henry, Christian McBride, Jason Moran, and Hammond B-3 organ greats Chester Thompson and Doug Carn. His quartet features bassist **Marcus Phillips**, who's been touring recently with Jennifer Hudson, drummer **Dante "Taz" Roberson**, and organist **LJ Holoman**, a sought-after studio player with recording credits that include Mary J. Blige, 50 Cent, Busta Rhymes, Nas, and The Game.

This is an outdoor concert. 21 and older.

TICKETS: \$30

sun 6/18

Samara Joy

\$25-\$150 | 7PM-8:30PM DOORS OPEN 5:30

BACCHUS LANDING | 14210 Bacchus Landing Way



Father's Day Event Produced by Healdsburg Jazz VIP Patron Dan Carroll

Performance underwritten by Healdsburg Jazz VIP Patron Thomas Sparks

At only 23, vocalist **Samara Joy** has established herself as jazz's most exciting new voice with her lush, extravagantly beautiful sound and social media smarts. She'd already posted a series of viral TikTok videos before her triumphant night at the 2023 Annual Grammy™ Awards, when she took home "Best New Artist" and "Best Jazz Album" trophies (for her 2022 Verve debut *Linger Awhile*).

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Samara Joy



Hailing from an illustrious family of gospel singers, Joy has already soaked up a good deal of jazz wisdom, regularly attending classes with piano hero Barry Harris, an indefatigable keeper of the bebop flame until his death in 2021 at 91. In what can only be described as a booking coup, the hottest new artist in America today comes directly from the Hollywood Bowl to perform for you at our Healdsburg Jazz's Father's Day concert at Bacchus Landing. With Joy's vocals and her band consisting of **Cameron Campbell** (piano), **Donavan Austin** (trombone), **Jason Charos** (alto saxophone), **Davis Mason** (trumpet), **Kendric McCallister** (tenor saxophone), **Mickey Migliore** (bass), **Evan Sherman** (drums), modern jazz sounds as fresh as tomorrow.

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sun 6/18

Samara Joy

Samara Joy's Father's Day concert will take place outdoors in Bacchus Landing's beautiful courtyard with theater style seating.

For this event, you can enjoy wood-fired pizza from the Market at Bacchus Landing as well as Chef Mateo Granados Father's Day BBQ in the picnic area.



About Chef **Mateo Granados**: Chef Granados has been an important part of the Sonoma County food scene for years. At first, in his successful food truck business, then for more than a decade as the chef-owner of the popular Latin French fusion restaurant **Mateo's Cocina Latina** in downtown Healdsburg. He started his own line of *El Yuca* hot sauces and now, his catered meals are the heart of many a wine country soirée. He has a rich background working with culinary institutions such as Manka's and Masa's, and for Father's Day he'll be serving up delicious barbecue, blending seasonal locally grown ingredients using his masterful techniques.

There will be a VIP Patron Lounge.

TICKETS: \$25-\$150, group seating options available

IMPORTANT PARKING NOTE:

- Orchestra Gold, Luxury Lounge for 6, Bistro Table for 2, Wheelchair and Wheelchair companion tickets include on site Bacchus Landing parking. Must show digital ticket.
- Orchestra General, Side, and Standing Room tickets do NOT include on site Bacchus Landing parking. FREE buses will shuttle guests from downtown City Hall. Strongly recommend carpooling when possible.

mon 6/19

John Santos

FILOSOFÍA CARIBEÑA CONCERT AND DOCUMENTARY FILM

\$25-\$50 | 6PM-9:30PM

RAVEN PERFORMING ARTS | 115 North Street



Documentary Film SANTOS: Skin to Skin underwritten by AVFilm

Far more than a master percussionist, **John Santos** is an invaluable educator and cultural activist, a keeper of the Caribbean flame steeped in folkloric traditions of Cuba, Puerto Rico, Haiti and beyond, as well as Latin jazz and salsa. The 2023 Healdsburg Artist in Residence, he's thrived outside of Latin music's commercial domain by recording and self-producing an expansive, Grammy Award-nominated discography. Celebrating the release of 2023's *Filosofía caribeña Vol.3: A Puerto Rico del alma*, the John Santos Sextet takes over the Raven with a blazing set of Latin jazz centered on Puerto Rican and Cuban dance rhythms. The band brims with Bay Area Latin music greats including **Dr. John Calloway** on flute and piano, **Marco Díaz** on piano and trumpet, bassist **Saul Sierra**, drummer **David Flores**, saxophonist **Charlie Gurke**, and special guests such as vocalists **José Roberto Hernández** and **Juan Luis Pérez**, violinist **Anthony Blea**, and **Orestes Vilató**, the legendary timbalero who helped ignite the salsa flame in New York City with the Fania All-Stars.

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John Santos



The evening opens with a screening of the new documentary *Santos: Skin to Skin* by Kathryn Golden and Ashley James, followed by a Q&A with the filmmakers. Filmed over the course of a decade, the documentary offers an intimate look at the percussionist on and off the bandstand. In many ways it's a family portrait that situates Santos amidst a dense web of relationships, including his wife, award-winning author Aida Salazar, and their two children. There's no shortage of musical peers singing his praises as an inspirational force responsible for expanding the international reach of the Bay Area's Latin jazz scene. But one of the film's primary pleasures is that it lets the drums do plenty of talking.

TICKETS: \$25-\$50

Underwritten by AVF Film avfilmpresents.org



tue 6/20

Grupo Falso Baiano

A LUNCH CONCERT FEATURING
NATALIE CRESSMAN

\$75 | 12PM-2PM

THE MADRONA LAWN | 1001 Westside Road



Official Healdsburg Jazz Festival Sponsor: **The Madrona**

After nearly 20 years together as **Grupo Falso Baiano**, this Bay Area choro and jazz group will share the intersection between Brazil's first national music with classical roots giving birth to Brazilian jazz, samba and more! G.F.B.'s exploration of choro spans nearly 100 years, including everything from the traditional to more contemporary versions and jazz influenced reinterpretations. G.F.B. is **Zack Pitt-Smith**, reeds, **Brian Moran**, 7 string guitar, and **Ami Molinelli**, percussion. This line up will feature rising star **Natalie Cressman** on trombone and vocals.

Minutes from downtown Healdsburg, The Madrona is situated on eight acres, replete with hidden corners, emerald-green gardens, panoramic valley views, and a grand, historic, Jay Jeffers reimagined estate, The Madrona enchants guests. Gardens fill the kitchen, bar,

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Grupo Falso Baiano A LUNCH CONCERT FEATURING NATALIE CRESSMAN



and guest rooms with the scents and flavors of the region. Gracious, artful dining inspires moments of joy, imagination, and merriment. The freshest ingredients grown in the estate's garden, the uninhibited creativity of our culinary team, the breathtaking backdrop of verdant California in full flush, that's the setting for this concert. Enjoy Michelin-starred Executive Chef Jesse Mallgren's iconic fried chicken picnic lunch (veg option avail) while luxuriating outdoors on the garden lawn to the sounds of Grupo Falso Baiano. Bring your blanket or low back chair for this afternoon concert. Drinks available for purchase.

TICKETS: \$75 lunch concert includes tax and tip



tue 6/20

Carlitos Medrano and Sabor de mi Cuba

A **FREE** EVENT

HEALDSBURG PLAZA | 6PM-8PM



Presented in partnership with City of Healdsburg Community Services

After extensive participation in various musical groups, Carlitos decided to start his own projects with local Bay Area musicians; Cuban-style salsa performed by Sabor de mi Cuba where he debuts his musical talents through original songwriting and composition. The fundamental characteristics of this project are fusions of Afro-Cuban roots influenced by world music. Sabor de mi Cuba hopes to bring forth edginess to local exponents of music in the Bay Area. By December 2012, he decided to create his own recording entitled *Sabor de mi Cuba*, where he experimented with composition and arrangements. The project was recorded and mastered in the prestigious Egrem Studios in Havana, Cuba. According to Tom Ehrlich of *Timba.com Magazine*, Sabor de mi Cuba "is a strong recording, full of elaborate, innovative arrangements, interesting use of chorus, rumba and jazz influenced dance music. The result is a beautiful, swinging recording which should establish Carlitos as a composer, percussionist and band leader to be reckoned with."

Every year, hundreds attend this outdoor celebration and summer tradition in the heart of downtown Healdsburg—dancing on the shaded lawn, picnicking, and strolling the picturesque walkways around the Plaza fountain. **FREE**

wed 6/21

Stella Heath: The Billie Holiday Project

DINNER SHOW \$175 | 5:00PM TAX + TIP INCLUDED
DESSERT SHOW \$75 | 7:30PM TAX + TIP INCLUDED

HOTEL HEALDSBURG | 25 Matheson Street



MAJOR Healdsburg Jazz Festival Sponsor Hotel Healdsburg

Billie Holiday didn't just change the course of jazz singing. The iconic vocalist reconfigured the music itself with performances that transformed pop songs into soul-revealing emotional x-rays. **Stella Heath** and her quintet are keenly aware of Holiday's less-is-more aesthetic, and her voice can eerily call Lady Day to mind even as she puts her own stamp on the timeless material. Featuring some of the Bay Area's top Jazz musicians, Heath's Billie Holiday Project conjures the crackling electricity that Lady Day brought to intimate

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Stella Heath: The Billie Holiday Project

1930s nightclub. The Band features **Stella Heath**, invoking the vocal stylings of Billie Holiday; **Neil Fontano**, piano virtuoso from Sonoma County; **Robby Elfman**, rich and inventive on tenor saxophone and clarinet; **Trevor Kinsel**, interchanging between upright bass and cornet; and **Spike Klein** on the drum kit.



The Garden Courtyard, situated in the sophisticated Hotel Healdsburg, is an open area bordered by wisteria-lined trellises, evoking a lush garden feel. An elegant three-course fine dining meal from the Dry Creek Kitchen will be served, starting with an artisanal cocktail. The later concert includes a Dry Creek Kitchen dessert with a glass of sparkling.

TICKETS:

5:00PM Dinner Show: Three course dinner, starting with cocktail, \$175 tax/tip included.

7:30PM Dessert & Sparkling Show: \$75 tax/tip included

thu 6/22

Bill Frisell Trio

Featuring Thomas Morgan & Rudy Royston

Camille Thurman w/Darrell Green Quartet

\$25-\$75 | 6:30PM-9:30PM DOORS OPEN 5:30

BACCHUS LANDING | 14210 Bacchus Landing Way



Embodying Healdsburg's spectacular history and commitment to showcasing artists forging bold new paths for jazz in the 21st century this double bill packs a one-two punch of improvisation. Among the era's most influential and prolific guitarists, **Bill Frisell** is a sonic sculptor who planes away every extraneous note to reveal the luminous beauty within even the most familiar songs. A long-time Healdsburg favorite whose past appearances include thrilling duo encounters with saxophone seeker Charles Lloyd in 2016 and fellow guitar virtuoso Julian Lage in 2018, Frisell performs with his exquisite trio featuring bassist **Thomas Morgan** and drummer **Rudy Royston**. The ensemble's debut album, 2020's *Valentine* (Blue Note), was hailed by *Downbeat* as capturing Frisell at "his most inquiring, rhythmically inventive, and lyrical. Given his voluminous discography, that's saying plenty."

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Bill Frisell Trio

Featuring Thomas Morgan & Rudy Royston

Camille Thurman w/Darrell Green Quartet



The opening act offers a bracing glimpse at jazz's glorious future. **Camille Thurman** is a triple threat as a velvet-toned tenor saxophonist, inventive vocalist, and accomplished composer (who also plays bass clarinet, flute and piccolo). Her rich sax sound has been compared to Joe Henderson and Dexter Gordon, while her vocal skills encompass steeplechase scatting and caressing, time-melting balladry. Nothing better captures her singular ascendance than the fact Wynton Marsalis featured her as a vocalist in his jazz opera *The Ever Fonky Lowdown*, and then she went on to tour and perform full-time with Jazz At Lincoln Center as a saxophonist, the ensemble's first female member. When she's not touring with the JALCO, Thurman is on the road leading her band, The Camille Thurman Quartet and is also featured with Oakland-reared drummer **Darrell Green's** band, with whom she performs at Bacchus Landing.

This concert will take place outdoors in Bacchus Landing's beautiful courtyard with theater style seating.

Enjoy wood-fired pizza from the Market at Bacchus Landing, where their various wineries will be open and ready to serve!

There will be a VIP Patron Lounge.

TICKETS: \$25-\$75, group seating options available

HJF late night

thu 6/22

Amy D. + Dillon Vado Quartet

\$30 | 9PM

ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM | 177 Healdsburg Ave.



Vocalist **Amy D** and vibraphonist **Dillon Vado** share a kinship built on trust, synergy, and the honoring of authentic expression in their new collaborative project. With a unique ensemble of voice, vibraphone, bass and drums, the music is both virtuosic and uplifting.

Their original, innovative sounds combine the intentionality of chamber music with the grounded yet agile nature of Brazilian rhythm, the spontaneity of jazz improvisation, and soul-stirring lyrics.

San Jose natives now residing in Oakland, both Amy D and Dillon Vado have been significant contributors to the San Francisco Bay Area scene for over a decade. The joining together of their broad range of musical influences and desire to deepen community connection has resulted in a unique, living work of art.

This is an outdoor concert. 21 and older.

TICKETS: \$30

fri 6/23

Tribute to Pharoah Sanders and Joey DeFranco

Honoring Healdsburg Jazz Founder Jessica Felix

\$25-\$75 | 6:30PM-9:00PM DOORS OPEN 5:30

BACCHUS LANDING | 14210 Bacchus Landing Way



*Performances underwritten by Healdsburg Jazz VIP Patrons
Howard & Barbara Wollner*

6:30pm Opening Act: Joel Ross' Good Vibes

8:00pm Joey DeFrancesco and Pharoah Sanders Tribute
Concert, co-produced by Jessica Felix

Healdsburg Jazz will honor its founder and original artistic director **Jessica Felix** (1999-2020) with a powerful concert opening with international Rising Star **Joel Ross** (vibraphone) and his innovative quartet "Good Vibes" followed by a soaring tribute produced by Jessica Felix to **Pharoah Sanders** and **Joey DeFrancesco**, both of whom passed away in 2022. Pharoah Sanders and Joey DeFrancesco were dear friends with founder Jessica Felix and performed for Healdsburg Jazz in past festivals.

The entire Festival is a testament to the vision and tenacity of Healdsburg Jazz founder Jessica Felix, but this double bill specifically honors her extraordinary devotion to jazz. Felix conceived the idea of the tribute concert after being inspired by the magnificent 2019 recording by Joey DeFrancesco that featured Pharoah Sanders and Billy Hart titled *In the Key of the Universe*.

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fri 6/23

Tribute to Pharoah Sanders and Joey DeFranco

Honoring Healdsburg Jazz Founder Jessica Felix



From top, left to right: Azar Lawrence, Gary Bartz, Billy Hart, Marc Cary, Munyungo Jackson, Brian Ho, Nicolas Bearde, Marcus Shelby and Tomoki Jackson

In showcasing the festival's prodigious history, an all-star congregation comes together to celebrate two recently departed masters, Hammond B-3 star and multi-instrumentalist Joey DeFrancesco and tenor sax titan Pharoah Sanders, whose 2000 appearance alongside fellow sax legend George Coleman helped put the Festival on the map. DeFrancesco was a more recent addition, playing a spectacular trio set in 2019 and then returning the following year for a Zoom session on the history of the B-3 as part of Healdsburg Jazz's pandemic programming.

Their bountiful spirits will be summoned by the prodigious saxophone tandem of **Azar Lawrence** on tenor and soprano and altoist **Gary Bartz**, players who both came to fame with Miles Davis and went on to work extensively with McCoy Tyner. NEA Jazz



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Tribute to Pharoah Sanders and Joey DeFranco

Honoring Healdsburg Jazz Founder Jessica Felix

Master **Billy Hart**, the soul and heartbeat of Healdsburg Jazz, holds down the drum chair, with pianist **Marc Cary**, percussionist **Munyungo Jackson**, organist **Brian Ho**, vocalist **Nicolas Bearde**, bassist **Marcus Shelby**, and special guest tenor saxophonist **Tomoki Sanders**, a rising star on the New York scene who also happens to be the son of Pharoah Sanders.



Joel Ross' Good Vibes Quartet plays the opening set, representing the brilliant wave of young musicians who are defining the contemporary scene. With three increasingly ambitious albums for Blue Note, Ross has established himself as a major voice on the vibes and a dauntingly accomplished composer and arranger eager to explore extended themes. His latest album, 2022's *The Parable of the Poet*, is a seven-piece album-length suite that emerged from improvisational explorations, and delves into mysterious territory where powerful emotional currents contest with probing reason. Band members are **Joel Ross** (vibraphone), **Jeremy Corren** (piano), **Kanoa Mendenhall** (bass), **Jeremy Dutton** (drums).

This concert will take place outdoors in Bacchus Landing's beautiful courtyard with theater style seating.

Enjoy wood-fired pizza from the Market at Bacchus Landing and food from the La Fogata food truck. The resident wineries will be open and ready to serve!

There will be a VIP Patron Lounge.

TICKETS: \$25-\$75, group seating options available

HJF late night

fri 6/23

Lorca Hart Bridges Quartet

\$30 | 9PM

ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM | 177 Healdsburg Ave.



The Lorca Hart Bridges Quartet, featuring **Brian Ho** (organ), **Mike Scott** (guitar), **Tony Peebles** (sax) and **Lorca Hart** (drums) is rooted in the classic jazz organ band sound—Jimmy Smith, Larry Young, jazz standards and Bebop—while also exploring more contemporary elements—original compositions, John Scofield, Joshua Redman, Pat Metheny, R&B and pop tunes—to create its own unique musical identity.

Lorca has performed in a vast array of musical situations, working with many of the West Coast's (and beyond) finest artists including: Bobby Hutcherson, Ralph Moore, Carmen Lundy, Freddie Hubbard, Stanley Jordan, Craig Handy, Bennie Maupin, Azar Lawrence, Julian Lage, Hugh Masekela, Meklit, actor/musicians Jeff Goldblum and Peter Weller, Kyle Eastwood, Red Holloway, Plas Johnson, John Heard, Danny Grissett, Justo Almario, Phil Ranelin, Dave Pike, Don Menza, the Clayton Brothers, Anthony Wilson, Calvin Keys, storyteller/radio personality Joe Frank, Ronald Muldrow, Anton Schwartz, Kenny Washington, Nicolas Bearde and the Cross Hart Jazz Experience.

This is an outdoor concert. 21 and older.

TICKETS: \$30

sat 6/24

Healdsburg Jazz Future All-Stars

A FREE EVENT | 9AM-12PM

HEALDSBURG FARMERS' MARKET | North & Grove Streets

The **Healdsburg Jazz Future All-Stars** is a select ensemble of young musicians who are primarily based in and around Sonoma County. The group consists of high school and college level students and perform at Healdsburg Jazz events, including our annual summer Festival. The music director for the ensemble is led by the extraordinary pianist **Neil Fontano**.



The Freedom Jazz Choir dir. Tiffany Austin

Gaea Schell Quartet

\$25 | 9AM-12PM

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | 209 Matheson Street

The Healdsburg Freedom Jazz Choir, led by Music Director **Tiffany Austin**, will perform an exciting program that represents compositions and arrangements by Tiffany Austin and Artistic Director **Marcus Shelby** that have been part of the choir's repertoire for the past decade. In 2012, founder Jessica Felix, current artistic director Marcus Shelby, and current music director Tiffany Austin created a Sonoma county-wide choir called the Healdsburg Freedom Jazz Choir to

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The Freedom Jazz Choir dir. Tiffany Austin

Gaea Schell Quartet



bring the community together using music. The choir is a free educational program that performs annually and continues to thrive under the leadership of vocalist, composer, and arranger **Tiffany Austin**. The concert program for their Healdsburg Jazz 2023 Summer Festival will include spirituals, freedom songs, music made popular by Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington, and a funky rhythm and blues medley arranged by Tiffany Austin. The Healdsburg Freedom Jazz Choir rehearses monthly and promotes freedom, love, hope, and justice in its music.

Playing newly released music inspired by beautiful landscape and quieter surroundings during the pandemic, the **Gaea Schell Quartet** invokes romance with a collection of both Latin and swing infused compositions, music as pianist Benny Green says "for the soul, heart, and mind, is highly recommended!" With **Gaea Schell** (piano and flute), **Jordan Samuels** (guitar), **John Wiitala** (bass), and **Greg Wyser-Pratte** (drums).

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Dianne Reeves

with Romero Lubambo

\$25-\$75 | 7:00PM-8:30PM DOORS OPEN 5:30

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Dianne Reeves

with Romero Lubambo



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Ever since trumpet legend Clark Terry discovered **Dianne Reeves** as a preternaturally poised high schooler, she's sought out an expansive array of musical experiences. Her jazz roots run deep—growing up she spent time with her cousin George Duke—but she made an early impression on the world music scene in the 1980s touring with Brazilian piano star **Sergio Mendes** and late calypso legend **Harry Belafonte**. She's earned an unprecedented five "best jazz vocal album" Grammy™ Awards and was named a NEA Jazz Master in 2018.

It's no surprise that when the time comes to launch a major new cultural institution, Reeves gets the call, like her inaugural performance at the famed Walt Disney Concert Hall, where she was also the Los Angeles Philharmonic's first creative chair for jazz. In carving

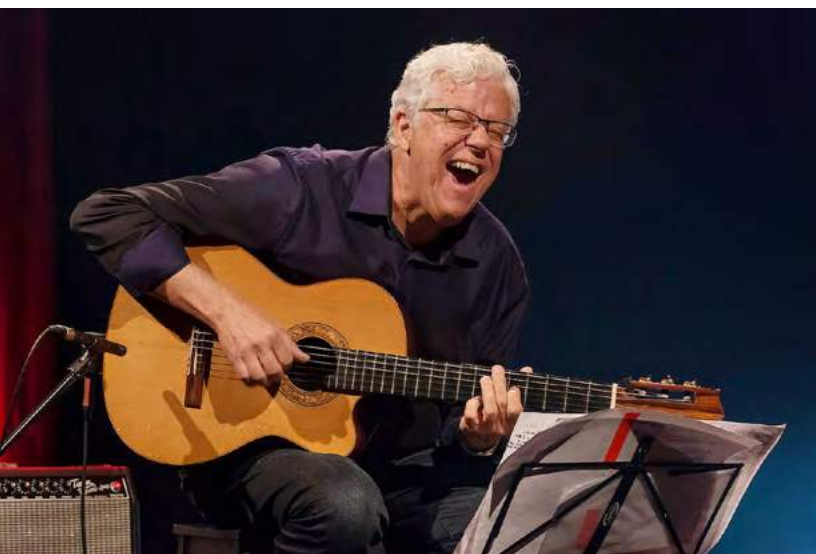
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out a singular career Reeves has followed her muse with a repertoire that extends far beyond the usual American Songbook standards. Drawing on her love of Brazilian music, Afro-Caribbean grooves, R&B, and pop, she applies her infectious and embracing jazz vision to songs by the likes of Bob Marley, Marvin Gaye, Joni Mitchell and Ani DiFranco.



A true heir to the legacy of Billie, Ella, Sarah and Carmen, Dianne has become a jazz legend by pouring all of her influences into the music. In this duo performance, she's accompanied by Rio-born guitar master and frequent Healdsburg Jazz performer, Latin Grammy Award Winner **Romero Lubambo**, widely hailed as his generation's finest Brazilian jazz guitarist.

This concert will take place outdoors in Bacchus Landing's beautiful courtyard with theater style seating.

Enjoy wood-fired pizza from the Market at Bacchus Landing and food from Adobos 'n' More. The resident wineries will be open and ready to serve!

There will be a VIP Patron Lounge.

TICKETS: \$25-\$75

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CELEBRATING NEW ORLEANS

**Dr. Michael White and his
Original Liberty Jazz Band:
Tribute to Sidney Bechet
with Special Guest
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Louis Armstrong usually gets the credit as jazz's first great soloist, but before Satchmo there was soprano saxophonist and clarinetist Sidney Bechet (1897-1959),

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a player so commandingly virtuosic that until the mid-1920s only Armstrong could contend with him as an equal. **Dr. Michael White**, a clarinetist and dynamic force on the traditional New Orleans jazz scene for more than four decades, brings the **Original Liberty Jazz Band** featuring **Big Chief Donald Harrison** to celebrate Bechet's music and legacy. Dr. White and Harrison first played together in the OLJB as budding young players. Harrison went on to a celebrated stint in Art Blakey's Jazz Messenger alongside Terence Blanchard, who became his co-leader in one of the 1980s definitive bands.

Leading his own groups since the 1990s, he honed his influential nouveau swing sound while his devotion to New Orleans traditions led to Harrison receiving the nation's highest jazz honor in 2022, the A.B. Spellman NEA Jazz Masters Fellowship for Jazz Advocacy. A similarly distinguished New Orleans advocate, Dr. White has long championed Bechet's music, and this concert focuses on classics written or recorded by Bechet, including "Si Tu Vois Ma Mere," "Egyptian Fantasy," "Moulin A Café," "Maple Leaf Rag," "Blame It On the Blues," and the 1952 original "Petite Fleur" (which became an international pop hit for UK clarinetist Chris Barber in 1959).

TICKETS: \$50-\$85

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The outdoor theater will be staged in the Sycamore Grove amidst beautiful trees and surrounded by vineyards and the stunning vistas of the Dry Creek Valley.

Wines will be available for purchase by the glass or by the bottle, and the Cajun Connect food truck will have a variety of menu items available for purchase, while you stroll the grounds of the stunning estate.

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Elevate your pre-concert experience with a “Luxury Add-On” by reserving seating inside the beautifully appointed Salon or outside in the luxurious Fontana Pergolas, with packages that include wine, food, a dedicated wine host, and additional festive New-Orleans flair.



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Advance reservations are required for luxury add-ons through Ferrari-Carano and seating is limited.

Brunch Concert with Rob Reich in the outdoor wine tasting area Sunday, January 25, 10am-2 pm.

You can also enjoy jazz throughout the day starting at Ferrari Carano’s Sunday brunch with world class accordion player Rob Reich (see bio on next page) and music in their outdoor tasting room from 10am-2pm.

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Rob Reich has performed in concert halls, circus tents, dance clubs, and chapels. He grew up in Long Island, NY, studying piano from age three. He graduated with a degree in music composition from Oberlin Conservatory of Music, where he studied with John Luther Adams and Pauline Oliveros. In 2000 he moved to the Bay Area, where he discovered the accordion, now his primary instrument. Mr. Reich's music defies genre, combining strong melodic ideas, rhythmic drive, and a spirit of irreverence and experimentation. His many musical projects include serving as long-time musical director for Circus Bella. He is also known for his work with Tin Hat & Gaucho. Mr. Reich recently released an EP of original music, *Cloisters*, available on Bandcamp.

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Healdsburg Jazz stimulates interest in and promotes awareness and appreciation of jazz by facilitating cross-cultural interaction, providing performance opportunities, and educating young people and adults about the important role of jazz as an indigenous American art form.

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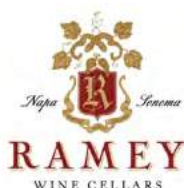


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The Matheson is creating a Juneteenth Jazzy Cocktail for the Festival's opening Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 17 and they will serve it on Roof 106. For each cocktail sold on June 17, they will **donate \$2**, that's about 15%!

Costeaux French Bakery will be serving up Mimosas throughout the Festival's 9 days, and for each one purchased they'll **donate \$2** to Healdsburg Jazz! Time for a Mimosa brunch!

Downtown Bakery will donate \$1 for every Jazzy Butter Pecan ice cream ordered during the 9-day Festival. So, chill!

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Furthermore Wines Tasting Lounge is offering a special **buy one get one free** glass of wine during the run of the Festival.

Holiday Inn-Windsor is offering a **15-20% discount** on rooms. During the Festival, Limerick Lane is offering complimentary wine tasting for 2 and **50% off** picnic baskets.

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