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**JAZZ ST. LOUIS ANNOUNCES RETURN OF ITS SUMMER SPOTLIGHT STL  
SERIES FEATURING ST. LOUIS-BASED MUSICIANS**

Thanks to underwriting from the Steward Family Foundation, Jazz St. Louis' *Summer Spotlight STL Series* provides a chance for all to experience live jazz

ST. LOUIS, June 6, 2023 – Summer's on the horizon, and everyone's invited! Jazz St. Louis' luminous neon saxophone will be lighting up the night sky when the doors to the Harold & Dorothy Steward Center for Jazz in Grand Center swing wide open for the return of the Summer Spotlight STL Series, June 15 through August 12! This year's expanded schedule shines the spotlight on marvelously gifted St. Louis-based musicians as they come together for a St. Louis summer brimming with red-hot collaborations and memorable celebrations. These concerts are open to the public at absolutely no cost, thanks to the generous underwriting of long-time friends of Jazz St. Louis and the St. Louis arts community, Steward Family Foundation & World Wide Technology.

This no-cost-to-you summer concert series includes the following performances:

**June 15–17:** *Billie & Ella Revisited featuring Erika Johnson & Anita Jackson*

**June 29 & 30:** *Antonio Foster Quintet*

**July 6:** *Bernard Terry Quartet*

**July 7 & 8:** *Bob DeBoo's 1959 Project*

**July 13:** *Anthony Wiggins Group*

**July 14 & 15:** *Weather Forever*

**July 20:** *Kwanae Johnson*

**July 21 & 22:** *Celebrating Art Blakey: For Tez*

**July 27–29:** *The Jazz St. Louis Big Band Plays Count Basie, directed by Victor Goines*

**August 3:** *Daniel Herrera Quartet*

**August 4 & 5:** *West Coast Swing & Bossa Nova featuring Janet Evra, Claire Maue, & Dawn Weber*

**August 10:** *Brady Lewis Sextet*

**August 11 & 12:** *Summer Sax Summit featuring Kendrick Smith, Bennett Wood, & Joel Vanderheyden*

The Summer Spotlight STL Series being available at no cost to people who live in or visit the St. Louis region further expands the reach of Jazz St. Louis' mission to advance the uniquely American art of jazz. This opportunity helps Jazz St. Louis grow its national presence as the type of arts leader St. Louis deserves as one of the greatest jazz cities in the world. Jazz St. Louis will be at the hub of an entire summer of complimentary offerings in and around Grand Center, working with fellow organizations like Grand Center Inc. and the Kranzberg Arts Foundation.

“The more people who can experience the positive and life-changing art happening in the Grand Center neighborhood, the greater the possibilities for all members of this arts community to thrive. That’s why we are pleased and proud to underwrite this series,” said Robert Steward of the Steward Family Foundation.

This series will pack the club night after night as both patrons and musicians have the opportunity to experience one of the world's top listening rooms together right here at home, typically requiring a full-price ticket. Admission to the Summer Spotlight STL Series is free, but your registration is required. There is a maximum of four tickets per household per concert. Visit [jazzstl.org/summer](http://jazzstl.org/summer) to learn more and register while supplies last.

### **About Jazz St. Louis**

Jazz St. Louis advances the uniquely American art of jazz through performance, education, and community engagement. This non-profit organization presents over 270 performances in its internationally acclaimed concert series each year. Jazz St. Louis takes a three-pronged approach to its work: presenting jazz, encouraging and educating future audiences, and nurturing budding musicians. For more information about Jazz St. Louis visit [www.jazzstl.org](http://www.jazzstl.org).