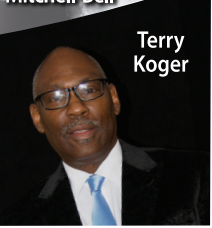




Annapolis Celebrates A World of Music



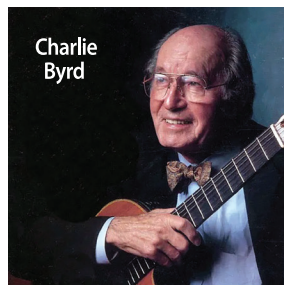
November 3-12, 2023



Support the Annapolis Jazz & Roots Festival!

Annapolis Jazz & Roots has Deep Roots

Maryland's capital city hasn't hosted a jazz festival for decades - until now! Once a jazz and rhythm & blues stronghold, the area boasted concerts at Carr's and Sparrow's beaches; the King of France Tavern was a nationally prominent venue; and St. John's College was home to the Annapolis Jazz Festival (iconic guitarist Charlie Byrd served as artistic director until 1996).



In 2020, business and cultural leaders got together to reinstitute a festival dedicated to jazz. Having produced numerous festivals and concerts throughout Maryland, Paulina Phillips was named executive director. Meetings with Annapolis Mayor Gavin Buckley and cultural leaders showed that a new jazz festival would be welcome. Then the pandemic struck and all planning came to a halt.

One year later, without office, staff or financial backing, Phillips decided to move forward, aided by Annapolitan Theresa Sise. An advisory board was formed and an artistic director engaged. The festival took shape with a widened scope, matching cultural diversity with artistic excellence to serve a broader audience. Funding sources were obtained and an amazing group of volunteers stepped forward.

The 2022 Annapolis Jazz & Roots Festival was launched last November with two weekends of free and ticketed events for adults and families. World class performers joined regional artists and lecturers at four sites in Eastport. All venue partners are eagerly returning in 2023.

In November 2023, attendees will tap into the music and culture of West Africa, South America and the British Isles, and enjoy the sounds of New Orleans and Indian jazz fusion. An exciting lecture on indenture and slavery in Maryland will touch on Mathias de Sousa, one of the first colonists to arrive in Maryland in 1634. Of African and Portuguese decent, he became the first Black elected representative in North America.



With support from government, business and community partners, the outlook for a successful and long-running festival is excellent. Become a festival partner and help pave the way!

Advisory Board

Kristoffer Belgica Ruby Singleton Blakeney Michael Buckley Jefferson Holland
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Paulina Phillips, Artistic & Executive Director

A World of Music

The festival brings a world of music to residents and visitors with artists from many countries and cultures. World-traveled performers join regional musicians, entertaining people of all ages, incomes and backgrounds. Events are held on two consecutive weekends, making it convenient for area residents and tourists to attend and maximizing exposure and revenue opportunities for participating businesses and non-profit organizations.

Venues

Festival sites reflect the unique flavor of Eastport – a hip and historic side of Annapolis. They include Peerless Rens Club, Eastport United Methodist Church, Eastport - Annapolis Neck Library and St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Our newest venue partner, Pip Moyer Recreation Center, will be the site of our December 9 holiday concert. Look for additional sites in 2024.

Location

The festival is held in the state capital of Maryland. Every citizen of the state shares some ownership and connection to our location. The festival serves local residents and guests from Maryland and surrounding states. In our first year, they hailed from Maryland, Virginia, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania. Venues can be reached by bus, car, bicycle, walking and by boat. Parking is free and convenient.



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Halley's Hot Gumbo Swingtet

New Orleans Jazz

Enayet Hossain, Greg Hatza & Hidayat Khan

Indian Fusion

Nyame Nti

West African Drumming

Chris Haley – Historic Lecture

Indenture & Slavery in Maryland 1630s - 1864

Ronn McFarlane & Ayreheart

Music of the British Isles

Hazel Mitchell-Bell featuring Terry Koger

American Jazz

Amoroso

Bossa Nova & Beyond with special guests Leonardo & Bruno Lucini

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Become a sponsor

Annapolis Jazz & Roots attracts Maryland residents and visitors. The level of artistic excellence, cultural diversity and inclusivity is rare in a jazz festival. When you support Annapolis Jazz & Roots, you support all of the festival's venue and presenting partners, helping them fund their organizations and fulfill their missions.

Here's what our partners have to say!

"The Annapolis Jazz & Roots Festival has been an incredible new partner to us this past year. There were many new faces at our club who got to hear our story, see our space and who became a part of our tradition of gathering and building community around good music and dancing." - Keisha Kersey, President, Peerless Rens Club

"Alkebulan is excited about its on-going partnership with the Annapolis Jazz & Roots Festival. This event was well attended by the local community and uplifted and inspired us all." - Monica Lindsey, President Alkebulan, Inc.

"At St. Luke's, we believe that artistic and cultural events like the Annapolis Jazz & Roots Festival are essential to building community. We look forward to hosting your outstanding musicians at future festivals for many years to come." - Reverend Lauren M. Bloom, St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Sponsorship Levels

\$15,000

- Exclusive named sponsor of entire festival
- Complimentary premium seating for up to 10 guests at any concert
- Logo on website, posters, rack cards, signs; name in press releases, social media
- Podium recognition and speaker remarks by your representative

\$10,000

- Supporting sponsor of full concert series (limited to two)
- Complimentary premium seating for up to six guests at any concert
- Logo on website, posters, rack cards, signs; name in press releases, social media
- Podium recognition

\$5,000

- Branded sponsorship of two events of your choice
- Complimentary seating for six guests at your sponsored events
- Logo on website, posters, rack cards; name in press releases, social media

\$2,500

- Branded sponsorship of one event
- Complimentary seating for four guests
- Logo on website, posters; name in press releases

\$1,000

- Complimentary seating for four guests at one event
- Logo on website; name in press releases

\$500

- Complimentary seating for two guests at one event
- Sponsorship listing on website and in press releases

\$200 Good Neighbor Donation

- Your gift may be in funds or in-kind services
- Donor name on website

Speak to us about customized packages

Call Paulina Phillips (410.972.7325) or Theresa Sise (410.584.3406) for assistance.

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