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Miami Beach Celebrates National Jazz Day with Free Concert

-- Miami Beach Arts in the Parks Series in Collins Park on April 13 --

Miami Beach, FL – The City of Miami Beach Cultural Affairs Department presents a free concert in Collins Park on Friday, April 13, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. in honor of National Jazz Day. The event, produced by KCC Productions, features the Dave Siegel Sextet, Troy Roberts' Nu-Jive, the LeNard Rutledge Quartet, and the Alfredo Chacon Groove.

Dave Siegel's sextet will open the show at 4:00 p.m. Siegel is a Miami-based producer, songwriter, and musician whose name has appeared as such on over 30 million records sold worldwide. He is known for performing most of the instruments on his own productions, as well performing as a musician for countless sessions outside of his own work. For the first half hour, the sextet will be playing Siegel's arrangements of favorite standards from the Great American Songbook and the classic jazz repertory. Beginning at 4:30 the stage will be open to sit-ins by music students and professional musicians. Those interested should pre-arrange their appearances with KCC Productions by the side of the stage at 3:30 p.m.

At 5:00 p.m., Troy Roberts' Nu-Jive will take the stage. Hailing from the remote location of Perth, West Australia, saxophonist and composer Troy Roberts has recently relocated to the USA. Roberts recently won two consecutive *Downbeat* Jazz Soloist Awards and two consecutive West Australian Music Industry Awards. He was the only Australian finalist in the Thelonious Monk International Jazz Saxophone Competition and continues to maintain a busy performance schedule around Australia, Europe and the USA. Roberts leads the exciting nu-jazz project, *Troy Roberts' NuJive*, which features some seriously talented young Miami-based artists, while showcasing Roberts' original

compositions – an eclectic concoction of jazz, groove, Latin and neo-soul. In March 2011 they released their first CD, “Nu-Jive.”

Baritone LeNard Rutledge follows at 6:00 p.m. with his captivating, soul stirring, earthy and funky quartet. These are just some of the words used to describe the song stylings of LeNard Rutledge. Rutledge he has been a featured vocalist at top jazz spots in South Florida. LeNard has shared the stage with a number of highly respectable jazz artists such as: Nnena Freelon, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Kenny Drew Jr., The Fred Thomas Band, and Harry Allen. In May of 2006, LeNard was named BEST JAZZ ARTIST, by the *Miami New Times* magazine.

Concluding the program at 7:00 p.m. will be the Alfredo Chacon Groove, a sextet led by vibraphonist, composer, and percussionist Alfredo Chacon, who is debuting in the USA's jazz scene after almost two decades long career in Europe. His new album, “MAGIC PLACE,” features his Cuban roots fused with influences from other genres like funk, bossa, soul and bebop in a blend of beautiful melodies and groovy rhythms, resulting in fresh, colorful, happy and elegant music, full of surprises that will send the audience home with their feet tapping.

Collins Park is located at Collins Avenue and 22 Street in Miami Beach, adjacent to the Bass Museum of Art. The concert is free.

For further information contact KCC Productions at 305.332.2623 or visit kccproductions.com.

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