

Bring on the jazz

Outdoor concert features live music and local oysters

OCEAN PARK, Wash. — Let loose and get your jazz on at the Water Music Society's 31st annual Jazz & Oysters event Saturday, Aug. 13.

This scenic outdoor concert, located on the sprawling green Wilson Field, serves up a variety of delights from 2 to 7:30 p.m. In addition to lively music, listeners can enjoy Willapa Bay oysters, grilled sausages and a selection of side plates. Wine, beer and other beverages are also available.

One of America's original art forms, jazz was born from a mix of African and European music and is rooted in the black experience of New Orleans as far back as the late 19th century. It has always been interrelated with pep

and energy, yet it's difficult to define because of its mix of creativity, soul, romance, intellect and groove.

At 2 p.m., begin your groove at Jazz & Oysters with James Danderfer, who has twice been nominated as best jazz clarinetist by the National Jazz Awards. Danderfer is also an award-winning film composer. With his quintet featuring New York-based musician George Colligan, Danderfer will impress with his original music as well as with New Orleans-style funk, electronica and hip-hop.

Taking the stage at 4 p.m. in their natty suits and natural style will be Jacob Miller and the Bridge City Crooners. The group's silky smooth vocals will take you on a sentimental journey back to the 1920s. No matter what the day's weather may bring, you are guaranteed a little sunshine through Miller's original compositions and



Jazz legend Thara Memory will lead his superband.

ragtime tunes. The Crooners maintain the stamina only the most devoted players can pull off, and you may even find yourselves wanting to dance.

The 6 p.m. evening performance will showcase jazz legend Thara Memory, who not only leads the Thara Memory Superband but will also blow you away with his trumpeting skills. Memory has played with some of the greats, including Dizzy Gillespie and James Brown,

and regularly performs with The Mel Brown Septet. Willamette Week labels Memory as "the brightest star in the Portland area." Joining him onstage is his daughter, Tahirah, who will end the concert in style and give audiences a greater appreciation for the continuing improv that is jazz.

Attendees should bring a lawn chair or favorite blanket. No outside food, beverages or pets are allowed. Gates open



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jacob Miller and the Bridge City Crooners will bring sounds straight out of the 1920s.

at 1 p.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Oysters, grilled sausages with beer and wine will be served all day. Small plates and desserts are available from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for children ages 6 to 18; children under 6 are free. A portion of the proceeds will go to support the Ocean Beach School District's music program. Tickets are available online at watermusicfestival.com or at the gate.



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Jazz clarinetist James Danderfer will perform.

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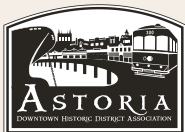
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