

# High Powered Jazz



Paula West



Nicholas Payton



Christian McBride



Patrick Lamb

## Mt. Hood Jazz Festival to join past, present and future

One of the most revered summer jazz fests in the Northwest, the 26th Annual Mt. Hood Jazz Festival presented by Persimmon Development Group, happens Friday, Aug. 3 and Saturday, Aug. 4 in downtown Gresham.

With a diverse line-up that includes both scorching national heavyweights and local all stars, the festival aims at bringing together jazz's past, present and future. It also adds a fun, affordable reason to bring the whole family out for a weekend of live music and culture.

The nation's premier tribute to one of jazz's most respected guitar-

ists, Dorado Schmitt and the Django Reinhardt Festival All-Stars with special guest Harry Allen, head up a two-day docket that boasts some of the leading figures in jazz today—celebrated bassist Christian McBride & the Christian McBride Band, Herbie Hancock's long-time guitarist Lionel Loueke, trumpeter and Wynton Marsalis protégé Nicholas Payton Quintet, acclaimed singers Paula West, the River City's own Rebecca Kilgore with the PDXV Jazz Quintet, as well as Patrick Lamb and Bobby Torres.

The Main Stage, 200 N.E. Hood Ave., is located outdoors in the convenient, revitalized heart of His-

toric Downtown Gresham at the future site of the Center for the Arts. In addition, the festival will feature northwest beers and wines as well as a variety of vendors serving up everything from fresh salmon, BBQ ribs and burgers to ice cream and espresso. There will also be games and activities for the kids (and adults). Many downtown restaurants will feature live music performances.

Advanced tickets for Friday start at \$10 and Saturday at \$25 with discounts for weekend passes. Children under 12 are free. Tickets are available at all TicketsWest locations. There is plenty of free park-

ing available and the venue is also easily accessible by the MAX line.

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