

Wine & Jazz Weekend

This year brings special focus on female stars

Hot jazz, cool wines, fine art and delicious cuisine mark the annual Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival, returning Friday, Aug. 24 and concluding Sunday, Aug. 26 at Esther Short Park in downtown Vancouver.

Recognized by musicians, fans and critics as one of the best concert events of the summer, the festival this year gives a special focus to 'The Power of Women' and several Grammy and Blues Award winning female artists will perform.

The lineup includes Judy Collins — American pop and folk music legend; Shemekia Copeland — Blues Music Award winner; Tierney Sutton — 8-time Grammy-nominee; Marcia Ball — Blues Award winner and Gram-

my-nominee; Coco Montoya — a Blues guitar virtuoso; John Jorgenson — Grammy-winner, jazz guitarist and multi-instrumentalist; Claudia Villela — Brazilian jazz singer; and Lao Tizer, Fusion jazz band leader and pianist.

Twenty five concerts will be performed during the 3-day festival, including 17 bands on the main stage and 8 on the music education stage. Attendees can sample more than 100 wines or purchase a glass to enjoy at the festival, as well as food from local restaurants. Art enthusiasts can shop from 20 fine artists,

"The Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival is a unique northwest cultural arts event" said festival manager Maria Manzo. "It is multi-faceted cultural festival, where people hear great music, enjoy Northwest wine, see beautiful fine art, and become immersed in an eclectic and creative weekend."

Prices range from \$25 for single tickets to \$70 for a 3-day pass. For a complete lineup, visit vancouverwinejazz.com.



Blues Music Award winner Shemekia Copeland is bringing her star power to this weekend's Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival, an annual event featuring hot jazz, cool wines, fine art and delicious cuisine all in one place.



Eight-time Grammy-award nominee Tierney Sutton.

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