



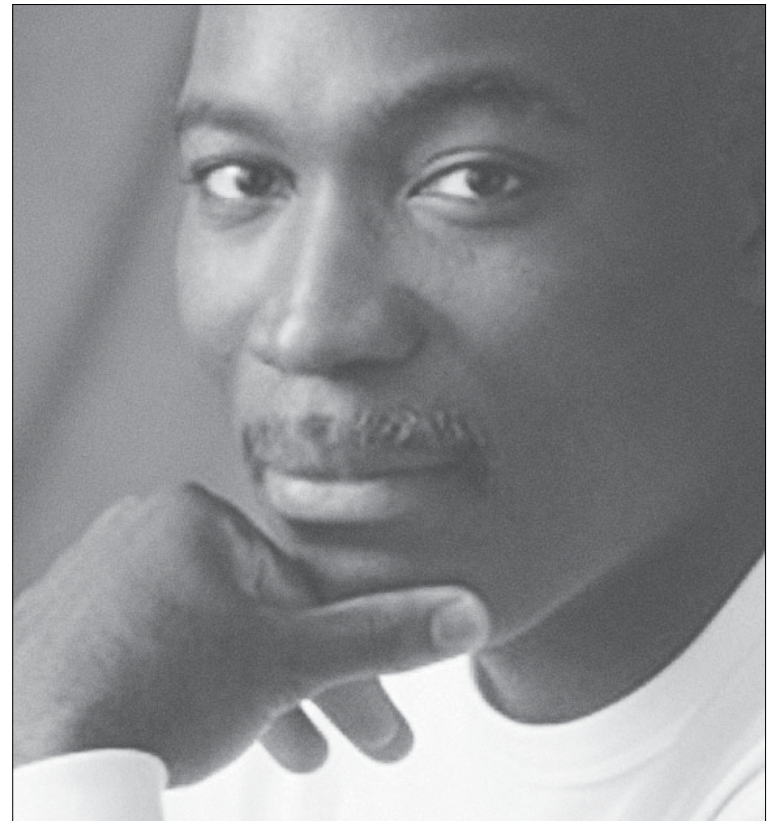
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New Orleans trumpeter Christian Scott is the opening night performer for the 16th annual Biamp PDX Jazz Festival.



Darrell Grant

PDX Jazz Fest is Back

The 16th annual 2019 Biamp PDX Jazz Festival — set for Wednesday, Feb. 20 through Sunday, March 3 — will include a wide array of headliners, which celebrates Black History Month. While the festival traditionally opens on a

Thursday, it will kick off a day early this year with an exciting performance by New Orleans trumpeter Christian Scott.

Ramsey Lewis, who was initially announced to perform, has retired from active touring and has been replaced by NEA Jazz

Master Pharoah Sanders. This year marks the 50th anniversary of Sanders most iconic work, “The Creator Has a Master Plan.”

In honor of Blue Note Records 80th anniversary, trumpeter Terence Blanchard returns with his E-Collective band;

Farnell Newton will pay tribute to Donald Byrd; Devin Phillips with special guest Brian Lynch performs Electric Mode for Joe; and Eli Degibri pays tribute to Hank Mobley.

Portland’s Darrell Grant will be honored as this year’s Port-

land Jazz Master.

Among other headline pianists set to appear are Patrice Rushen, Harold Mabern, Aaron Diehl and Matthew Whitaker. For a complete Biamp PDX Jazz Festival list of performers and events, visit pdxjazz.com.



Jazz Pianist Earns Respect

The Biamp PDX Jazz Fest will welcome the Patrice Rushen Trio with Alphonso Johnson and Marvin “Smitty” Smith and special guest Ernie Watts on Saturday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. at Revolution Hall in the former Washington High School in southeast Portland. For tickets, visit pdxjazz.com.

Rushen is a multi Grammy award-nominated

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Patrice Rushen, a multi Grammy award-nominated artist, performs Saturday, Feb. 23 at Revolution Hall in the former Washington High School as part of the annual PDX Jazz Fest.

pianist, composer and producer who is fashioning her career after the legacy of her long-time friend and mentor, Quincy Jones. Considering one of the world’s top jazz pianists, she has definitely earned the respect of her peers.

Rushen has performed with and produced for such esteemed artists as Stevie Wonder, Herbie Hancock, Prince, Lionel Hampton, Carlos Santana, Boys II Men, George Benson, Jean Luc Ponty, Tom Jones, Nancy Wilson, Michael Jackson, Dianne Reeves, Sheena Easton, Stanley Turrentine, Joshua Redman, Bobby Hutcherson, among countless others.

Two-time Grammy award winner Ernie Watts is one of the most versatile and prolific saxophone players in music.