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2011 Monty Alexander Jazz Festival Partners with Area Restaurants: Dave Robinson Trio Returns!

On Labor Day weekend, the 2011 Monty Alexander Jazz Festival is partnering with area restaurants to offer discounted meals to Festival ticket holders, along with a lunchtime live jazz performance in the Tidewater Inn's Hunters' Tavern. On Saturday, September 3, 2011, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., The Dave Robinson Trio will return to Easton to provide New Orleans Jazz during lunch on the Tavern's terrace. Festival ticket holders will receive 10 percent off the normal cost of their meal. Ticketholders will also receive a 10 percent discount on the Tavern's brunch on Sunday, September 4, 2011. In addition, the Tidewater Inn is offering a special weekend package for a two-night stay during the Festival.

Additional restaurant offerings for 2011 Jazz Festival ticketholders during the Festival weekend include the Peacock Restaurant & Lounge at 202 Dover offering a


complimentary glass of wine with any three-course dinner and Out of the Fire offering a complimentary glass of wine or dessert with lunch or dinner.

The restaurant partnerships compliment the world class jazz performances at the Avalon Theatre in Easton on both Friday and Saturday. The Festival weekend kicks off on Friday, September 2 at 7 p.m. with a magical duo: trumpet player Dominick Farinacci and pianist Aaron Diehl, two recent graduates of the Juilliard's Jazz Studies program. Following Farinacci and Diehl will be the Grace Kelly Quintet, featuring the amazing alto saxophonist, Grace Kelly, hailed as a rising star throughout the jazz world.

The Festival will also host a "Salute to Charlie Byrd" on Saturday, September 3, 2011 at 4 p.m., including multi-talented American jazz guitarist-composer-producer and international recording and touring artist Nate Najjar, collaborating with accomplished vibraphonist and drummer Chuck Redd and his ensemble. Renowned jazz pianist Monty Alexander, the Festival's artistic director and namesake, will return to take the stage with his Quartet on Saturday, September 3 at 8 p.m. For the last two years Monty Alexander has played to standing ovations at the Avalon, and this year promises to be no exception.

The Monty Alexander Jazz Festival is presented by Jazz on the Chesapeake, a program of Chesapeake Chamber Music, dedicated to promoting jazz in the Chesapeake region.

The Festival is generously underwritten by Verizon, with additional support from numerous business and private sponsors. Individual tickets and Festival passes can be purchased online at [ChesapeakeChamberMusic.org/jazz](http://ChesapeakeChamberMusic.org/jazz) or by calling the Chesapeake

Chamber Music office at 410-819-0380. Student tickets are also available. For further information about Jazz on the Chesapeake, visit [ChesapeakeChamberMusic.org/jazz](http://ChesapeakeChamberMusic.org/jazz), call the CCM office at 410-819-0380 or visit the Jazz on the Chesapeake Facebook page .

**CUTLINE:**

**Photo #1: Pictured is the Dave Robinson Trio, who will provide New Orleans Jazz during lunch on the Tidewater Inn's Hunters' Tavern's terrace on Saturday, September 3, 2011 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. The performance will compliment the world class jazz performances at the 2011 Monty Alexander Jazz Festival at the Avalon Theatre in Easton on Labor Day Weekend. [\(Photo by Jerry Michael\)](#)**

**The Monty Alexander Jazz Festival will feature "emerging jazz artists" as the Festival kicks off on Friday, September 2 at 7 p.m. at the Avalon Theatre. Friday night's magical combination of performances include trumpet player Dominick Farinacci, pianist Aaron Diehl, and alto saxophonist Grace Kelly and the Grace Kelly Quintet.**

**Photo #2: Pictured is trumpet player Dominick Farinacci, who has gained recognition from Quincy Jones, among others.**

**Photo #3: Pictured is pianist Aaron Diehl, who has performed with the Wynton Marsalis Septet.**

**Photo #4: Pictured is alto saxophonist Grace Kelly who is hailed as a rising star in the jazz world. Kelly appeared at the 2010 Monty Alexander Jazz Festival and was greeted with unbridled enthusiasm by the Festival's audience.**

### **Monty Alexander Jazz Festival Schedule**

#### **Friday, September 2, 2011, 7 p.m.**

Avalon Theatre

Jazz concert featuring duo including trumpet player Dominick Farinacci and pianist Aaron Diehl, followed by the Grace Kelly Quintet.

#### **Saturday, September 3, 2011, 11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

Hunters' Tavern at the Tidewater Inn

Lunch with Live Jazz on the Terrace – Bellini's and New Orleans Jazz by the Dave Robinson Trio (Festival ticketholders receive 10% off the normal cost of their meal!)

#### **Saturday, September 3, 2011, 4 p.m.**

Avalon Theatre

"Salute to Charlie Byrd" featuring multi-talented American jazz guitarist-composer-producer and international recording and touring artist Nate Najar, collaborating with accomplished vibraphonist and drummer Chuck Redd and his ensemble.

#### **Saturday, September 3, 2011, 8 p.m.**

Avalon Theatre

Legendary jazz pianist Monty Alexander, the Festival's artistic director, and the Monty Alexander Quartet.

#### **Sunday, September 4, 2011**

Hunters' Tavern at the Tidewater Inn

Brunch - Festival ticketholders receive 10% off the normal cost of their meal.  
(Special hotel package available for two-night stay.)