



Prescott Park Arts Festival hosts Tommy Gallant Seacoast Jazz Fest

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PORTSMOUTH | The 10th annual Tommy Gallant Seacoast Jazz Festival will be held at Prescott Park Arts Festival (PPAF) on Sunday, July 10, from 12-6 p.m. The festival is presented by PPAF and the Seacoast Jazz Society Festival Fund, with the cooperation of the NH Library of Traditional Jazz and the Harry Jones Concert at UNH, the Seacoast Jazz Society and NH Public Radio.

According to Festival Co-Chairmen, Dave Seiler and Jim Howe, "Every year since 1996, the presentation of a jazz festival on a Sunday afternoon in July in the ideal ambience of Prescott Park has enhanced the quality of life for literally thousands of listeners of all ages, providing entertain-

ment, insight, and inspiration emanating from America's indigenous contribution to musical art."

The Festival was named in honor of the widely respected jazz pianist, Tommy Gallant, after his death in 1998. Gallant was one of the founders of the original Portsmouth Jazz Festival and in honor of his life-long service to the community as a musician and educator, the Festival was renamed in his honor.

This year's schedule of performances is as follows:

On Sunday, July 10, beginning at 12 noon, The Hot Club of Portland will launch this significant anniversary year of the festival, featuring the music of Django Reinhardt with Brad Terry on clarinet; Zach

Ovington on violin, Brian Killough and Dave Newsam on guitar, and John Hunter on bass.

At 1:30 p.m., the Mark Shilansky Trio — featuring Keala Kaumeheiwa on bass, David Brophy on drums, vocalists Lauren Wool, David Thorne Scott and Julie Hardy — will perform. They will be followed at 3 p.m. by the Seacoast Big Band with Dave Seiler as director and featuring Charlie Jennison and Marc LaForce on saxophones; Chris Oberholtzer on trombone, and Craig Skeffington on trumpet.

Finally, at 4:30 p.m., the Jim Howe Press Room Trio with Ryan Parker on piano, Jim Howe on bass, Les Harris, Jr. on drums, and jazz trumpeter extraordinaire Jeff Stout with several other

excellent musicians will bring the 10th anniversary celebration to its grand finale.

Prescott Park Arts Festival is located at 105 Marcy Street in Portsmouth. A concession stand and handicapped-accessible restrooms are available on-site. Table and chair rental available; please call ahead for table reservations. Attendees may bring their own chair or blanket.

An \$8 donation for adults, \$5 for seniors and 12 and under is requested at the gate for the Jazz Festival (PPAF members receive \$1 off). Donors and members eligible for preferred seating. No pets or alcohol are allowed in the Park. For more information, call (603) 436-2848 or visit www.prescottpark.org.

WATCH OUT FOR THE WITCH



The Baker and his Wife are menaced by the Witch when Prescott Park Arts Festival presents the first of its two main-stage performances this season — "Into the Woods," which plays now through July 29. Showtimes are Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m., and Sunday nights at 7 p.m. A \$5 donation is requested at the park entrance; a concession stand offers a variety of food and beverages and chair/ table rentals may be reserved. All proceeds support the non-profit PPAF programming. Prescott Park Arts Festival is located on Marcy Street, next to the picturesque banks of the Piscataqua River. For more information, or to become a PPAF member, call the Arts Festival office at (603) 436-2848, or visit www.prescottpark.org.

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