BMA Announces Return of Jazz in the Sculpture Garden

Popular summer concerts showcase acclaimed musicians Lao Tizer, Karen Briggs, Brandee Younger, Todd Marcus, and Virginia MacDonald

BALTIMORE, MD (May 4, 2022)—The Baltimore Museum of Art (BMA) announces the return of its renowned summer jazz series in the beautiful sculpture gardens. Three concerts feature nationally acclaimed musicians: The Lao Tizer Quartet featuring Karen Briggs (June 10), Brandee Younger (July 24), and Todd Marcus Quintet featuring Virginia MacDonald (August 13). General admission tickets are $50 for a single concert, $125 for a single concert and dinner, and $140 for the three-concert series. BMA Members receive an exclusive 25% discount for all ticket prices and bundles: $35 single concert, $100 single concert and dinner, and $95 three-concert series. Each concert opens 30 minutes prior to showtime, so arrive early to claim your seat. Tickets are available online at artbma.org/jazz or at the BMA Box Office beginning Thursday, May 5.

Friday, June 10, 7–9 p.m. – The Lao Tizer Quartet featuring Karen Briggs
“Jazz Group of the Year” nominee, The Lao Tizer Quartet featuring Karen Briggs make their return appearance to the BMA in support of their latest, Billboard Jazz Top 10 CD/DVD combo-pack release, Songs from The Swinghouse!

Sunday, July 24, 11 a.m–1 p.m. – Brandee Younger
A leading voice of the harp today, performer, composer, and educator Brandee Younger defies genres and labels. Younger was recently nominated for a 2022 GRAMMY® for Best Instrumental Composition and NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Album.

Saturday, August 13, 7–9 p.m. – Todd Marcus Quintet featuring Virginia MacDonald
Bass clarinetist, composer, and bandleader Todd Marcus is one of the few jazz artists worldwide to focus their work primarily on the bass clarinet. Virginia MacDonald has established herself as a respected and sought-after musician in the Canadian jazz scene, winning a 2019 Stingray Music Rising Star Award and first prize in the 2020 International Clarinetist Corona Competition.

The BMA’s spectacular Janet and Alan Wurtzburger Sculpture Garden is home to 19 early modernist sculptures created by artists such as Alexander Calder, Isamu Noguchi, and Auguste Rodin. These sculptures are placed on a flagstone terrace with a fountain and abundant foliage. The BMA provides concert seating and concertgoers are welcome bring their own chairs or blankets for a picnic.
Gertrude’s Chesapeake Kitchen offers Jazz + Dinner tickets, which includes a grand three-course meal served on the terrace. Call 410-889-3399 or go to gertrudesbaltimore.com to make a reservation. In the case of poor weather conditions, outdoor Jazz + Dinner reservations must be changed to indoor seating or rescheduled by calling Gertrude’s. There are no refunds or exchanges available after purchase.

On these specified concert days, if the skies are clear and the heat index is mild, the BMA will release more than 150 tickets for outdoor seating. In the event of inclement weather, concerts are held in the BMA Auditorium. Please call 443-573-1701 after 1 p.m. for weather updates for the evening concerts or at 9 a.m. for the July 24 late morning concert. There are no refunds or exchanges.

**Baltimore Museum of Art**

Founded in 1914, the Baltimore Museum of Art (BMA) inspires people of all ages and backgrounds through exhibitions, programs, and collections that tell an expansive story of art—challenging long-held narratives and embracing new voices. Our outstanding collection of more than 95,000 objects spans many eras and cultures and includes the world’s largest public holding of works by Henri Matisse; one of the nation’s finest collections of prints, drawings, and photographs; and a rapidly growing number of works by contemporary artists of diverse backgrounds. The museum is also distinguished by a neoclassical building designed by American architect John Russell Pope and two beautifully landscaped gardens featuring an array of modern and contemporary sculpture. The BMA is located three miles north of the Inner Harbor, adjacent to the main campus of Johns Hopkins University, and has a community branch at Lexington Market. General admission is free so that everyone can enjoy the power of art. artbma.org

**Visitor Information**

General admission to the BMA is free. The BMA is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and until 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Timed reservations are required for all visitors. The Sculpture Gardens are open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to dusk. The museum and gardens are closed New Year’s Day, Juneteenth, July 4, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. The BMA is located at 10 Art Museum Drive, three miles north of Baltimore’s Inner Harbor. For general museum information, call 443-573-1700 or visit artbma.org.

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