



150 ARTISTS, 40 CONCERTS, 6 DAYS JULY 14-19

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CUE THE MUSIC: WRECKHOUSE INTERNATIONAL JAZZ AND BLUES FEST ANNOUNCES LINE-UP

The media and arts community of St. John's were on hand for the official announcement of the 2009 Wreckhouse International Jazz and Blues Festival line-up. Festival Artistic Director Kirk Newhook kicked off the announcement at a special media event held on June 25th at one of the Festival's venues the Martini Bar. The energy packed launch showcased the amazing event that will hit the city this July.

From July 14th-19th St. John's will be treated to a dynamic mix of music and spectacular talent. The festival schedule is packed with both local and International acts that will be playing over 40 concerts at 10 venues. The media announcement was just a taste of the amazing party to come during the Festival. Featuring a great performance from Festival artist Chris Kirby and the infectious enthusiasm of Festival staff, sponsors, and board members it was made clear that the 2009 edition of the Wreckhouse International Jazz and Blues Festival is going to be an essential St. John's summer event.

"We are thrilled to share our exciting line-up with the public! We have great local acts including Chris Kirby & the Marquee, Bill Brennan & Banda Brazil and A Tribute to the Women of Motown and Soul, as well as an amazing list of performers from across North America. Canadian legends, the Shuffle Demons, will be making a stop here on their 25th Anniversary Tour, the world music infused sounds of Jayme Stone and Mansa Sissoko will be gracing the stage at Bowring Park and gutsy vocal powerhouse Kirsten Price will shake the walls of DUSK Ultra Lounge. We have 150 artists featured in 40 concerts; it's so hard to pick just a few favourites. You have to check out the full list" says Newhook of the 2009 line-up.

"There is no 'traditional' jazz fan that we are targeting - jazz is incredibly diverse with many personalities, just like our audience. We want everyone to be part of the music!" Newhook says of the eclectic Festival schedule. "The full line-up is up on our brand new website, with tons of Festival info!" reminds Marketing Manager Liz Dunbar. The 2009 Festival is a mix of jazz, blues, soul, funk, reggae, world music and so much more. It is truly a Festival designed for every music lover in the City. Workshops with professionals, lunchtime concerts, club shows and family programming are all part of the Festival's offerings.

Checkout WWW.WRECKHOUSEJAZZANDBLUES.COM for more details. Be sure to catch the **2009 Wreckhouse International Jazz and Blues Festival, July 14-19th!**

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