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**Yonkers Downtown/Waterfront BID
To Present *Jazz and Blues at Dusk*
Summer Concerts Series at the Waterfront**

10 Free Concerts Scheduled from July 3 to
September 4

Yonkers, NY (July 2009) The Yonkers Downtown/Waterfront Business Improvement District will again present the weekly “jazz and Blues at Dusk” Summer Concert Series at the Yonkers Waterfront amphitheatre. Introduced three years ago, the concert series—*free of charge to the public*— provides musical entertainment by some of the New York metropolitan area’s top jazz and blues artists. Sponsored by The Yonkers Downtown BID and Struever Fidelco Cappelli, the Friday night concerts will be staged from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, July 3 through September 4—a total of 10 concerts.

The schedule of featured artists includes:

July 3



KEITH MARKS

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**"An Infectiously Funky
Pied Piper of Jazz Flute..."**

- George Kanzler, Newark Star Ledger

Keith Marks, a flutist extraordinaire and leader of one of the hottest musical ensembles on the scene today, covers a whole spectrum of music ranging from R&B to Jazz, Funk to Caribbean, and Calypso to African. He has performed in South America and the Caribbean, as well as Hawaii and many parts of the United States. Keith Marks released his most recent CD, "Foreign Funk", in April of 2008.

July 10

Nicole Hart, a modern day Blues woman who straddles a diverse musical terrain defined by icons such as Kobo Taylor, Susan Tedeschi, Janiva Magness, and Bonnie Rait, came to national attention in 2008. She was the lead female performer for Florida's "Springing the Blues" week as well as many other prominent festivals. She was recognized as the "Female Vocalist of the Year" by the Los Angeles South Bay Music Awards."

July 17



Antoinette Montague, a jazz & blues singer from Fairfield, Connecticut, regularly performs with her quartet at famous New York City venues. She was in the Great Women in Music Festival at Birdland with the Duke Ellington and selected to perform at the 10th Anniversary of International Women in Jazz. She emanates energy, joy and fun on and off the stage.

July 24



Vinny Valentino & Colorfunk consists of **Chrissi Poland** (vocal and keys); **Joel Rosenblatt** (drums) and **Chris Tarry** (bass)— jazz musicians who continue to redefine jazz music to the acclaim of audiences worldwide. Vinny's premier album release in 1993 was number 2 on the charts for over 14 weeks and the album was referred to as "one of the top 5 albums of 1993."

July 31



Funkasaurus Rex, a nine-piece band based in Yonkers, combines rhythm 'n blues and jazz with well-known NYC players. Their CD, *Etched in Stone*, was released this year. "Real funky music ain't extinct yet."

August 7

Carlos Jimenez & his Latin Band is the next generation of Puerto Rican Jazz. He is an accomplished flute player who has studied with some of the best. His music has “an even, warm tone that can be light and soothing at times, and dark and stormy at others.” His most recent CD, *Thoughts*, has received much acclaim.



August 14

Vanessa Falabella, a Brazil native whose sound is classic yet a contemporary mix of pop, jazz, and R & B. She is influenced by Brazilian and American music and sings in both English and Portuguese. Currently promoting her CD *VIBE*, she has performed at many New York City venues, including The Knitting Factory, Town Hall and The Supper Club.



August 21



DeForest Raphael & Friends “loves singing songs about love.” Primarily a balladeer, he has been singing since junior high school in Detroit, Michigan. He sings in all genres from classical to jazz at local clubs in Westchester and New York City and at venues throughout the country.

August 28



Regan Whiteside & the Fam, a contemporary jazz flutist, vocalist and songwriter, have a unique and soulful vibe. She won the 2006 Capital Jazz Challenge, and returned to the 2007 Capital Jazz Festival with a new album, *Class Axe*. She has performed everything from classical jazz to R&B and Funk and has performed with various musicians throughout the U.S.

September 4



Roxy Perry, known as the “New York Blues Queen,” received the 2007 Artist of the Year Award from the Westchester Arts Council. She has performed nationally, has produced three CD’s and has received rave reviews for her original songwriting and vocals. She was born and still resides in New Rochelle.

The Yonkers Downtown/Waterfront Business Improvement District (YDWBID) was created to promote and implement the economic revitalization of the District and the City of Yonkers. The BID is also designed to maintain the downtown streets, contribute to public safety, landscape the district, market special events and create promotional opportunities to highlight the area. Additionally, the BID will preserve and encourage the cultural, historic, tourist and civic interest of the District and the City of Yonkers.