



Sunday, September 4

Artist Bios

Sol Roots

The Sol Roots band performs a mix of New Orleans funk, raw blues, energetic rock, deep grooves, and southern soul. Sol is a multi-instrumentalist and vocalist who has toured around the world with many roots, funk, and blues legends as a part of Music Maker Revue. The Sol Roots band has performed at many premier festivals and venues across the east coast US, and has shared the stage with acts such as Jon Cleary, Soulive, Booker T Jones, Dumpstaphunk, The Wood Brothers, Robert Randolph & The Family Band, Eric Lindell, Walter "Wolfman" Washington, Shemekia Copeland, Jackie Greene and more. Sol Roots is an official Home Grown Music Network artist and a "Next Generation" Music Maker Relief Foundation artist. Music Maker Relief Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving blues, roots, and folk music.

Freddie Dunn Quintet

Trumpeter Freddie Dunn is well known for his feature work with the groundbreaking Jazz/soul collective, Fertile Ground. While touring extensively with Fertile Ground he kept his exploratory jazz appetite whet with the award winning grunge Jazz bands of pianist Lafayette Gilchrist. His solo work from their latest CD, "Soul Progressin'" was featured on 'The Wire' and won a 2009 Independent Music Award. In 2010 he won the Maryland Artist Award for solo trumpet. His 2011 CD, "Longing for the Moon", featured the hit "Looking" and a soulful midnight-smooth take on the standard, "Nature Boy". Upcoming projects include a new acoustic set, "Spin Control", due this fall, and a renewal of the Brookland Jazz Music Series in Northeast Washington, DC.

Ayanna Gregory Band

For this Soul singer, dramatist, educator and activist, music and art are more than entertainment; they are her mission. And with penetrating depth, Ayanna's music is making audiences feel and heal. Her and her band members are committed to using the performing arts as a tool for healing, inspiration and unity. Their music combines with powerful messages that inspire hope and positivity for people of all ages and backgrounds. They write and perform a combination of genres that fit under the Soul Music umbrella (R&B, Reggae, Jazz, Folk, Hip Hop and Go Go).

Eric Byrd Trio

For almost two decades, The Eric Byrd Trio (EBT), pianist/vocalist Eric Byrd, bassist Bhagwan Khalsa, and drummer Alphonso Young, Jr., have traveled the world as enthusiastic ambassadors of jazz. Rooted in swing and be-bop, The Trio also embraces gospel and the blues as core elements of their expansive performance style. Their body of work spans seven unique studio and live recordings on which they shine as a Trio. On each recording, they take a rigorous, modern approach to standards as well as original compositions, playing with great acuity within the broad and rich jazz tradition.



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