

30th Cambridge River Festival: Sat., June 13, Noon-6pm

Gospel and Jazz Stage Schedule and Biographies

Location: Weld Boathouse at JFK Street

Host: Eric Jackson, WGBH 89.7fm

Performers selected by Shelley Neill, Executive Director of the Multicultural Arts Center
Each year, the Multicultural Arts Center celebrates the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Junior with a Gospel Concert held at Harvard University's Sanders Theater. The world-famous Harlem Gospel Choir will perform on January 16, 2010 and is expected to sell-out again - as it has for the last 3 years! The Jazz Club at The Multicultural Arts Center has been described by *The Boston Globe* as "a room to hear music where the views are unobstructed, the sound system is clear...impeccably achieved," and a place where some of the most dynamic and talked about jazz concerts of this past year have been presented. For information about upcoming events, or to join their mailing list by visiting their website www.cmacusa.org

Union Baptist Church Children and Adult Choirs

12-12:45pm

Performance will start with the children's choir and end with the adults' choir

Kendrick Oliver's New Life Jazz Ensemble Featuring Vocalist Nicole Nelson

1-2:15pm

Rooted in gospel this jazz ensemble will have you stomping your feet and shouting out from their very first notes. Nicole Nelson (vocalist), Danny Kirkhum (trombone), Kris Allen (alto sax), Eric Bloom (trumpet), Lee Fish (drums), Erik Privert (bass) and Lawrence Fields (piano).

Laszlo Gardony Trio

2:30-3:30pm

Master of the piano and with a powerhouse trio – these guys can do it all and feature original compositions that defy traditional musical boundaries. Laszlo Gardony on piano, John Lockwood on bass and Sean Skeete on drums.

Obbini Tumbao

3:45-4:45pm

Led by pianist Rebecca Cline and percussionist Anita Quinto plus seven other musicians, this salsa band produces Afro-Cuban jazz-infused dance music and rhythms with a rhythm section that includes congas, timbales, bass, and more!

Rebecca Parris

5-6pm

In addition to being well-known to Boston audiences, Rebecca Parris has performed all over the world with her own groups, as well as with some of jazz's greatest legends, including Dizzy Gillespie, Buddy Rich, Woody Herman, Terry Gibbs, David "Fathead" Newman, Norman Simmons, Harold Jones, Andy Simpkins, Gerry Wiggins, Bill Cunliffe, Red Mitchell, Buster Cooper, Nat Pierce, and many others. She appears with Brad Hatfield on piano, Peter Kontrimas on bass and Matt Gordy on drums.