

# 2023 Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival – American Jazz

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PORTLAND, OR, UNITED STATES, July 25, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Thousands of music fans are expected to attend the 2023 [Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival](https://www.vancouverwinejazz.com/) which takes place August 25, 26, & 27, 2023 in Vancouver, Washington USA. The musical theme for the 23rd annual Festival is "American Jazz: Jazz, Gospel, Blues, Roots, & Bluegrass Jazz." The Festival is held at Esther Short Park, the oldest public park in the Pacific Northwest. For tickets and information visit [www.vancouverwinejazz.com](https://www.vancouverwinejazz.com/) or call 360-906-0441.

**[MUSIC & TICKETS](#)** – The 2023 Festival includes 17 concert performances featuring a stellar lineup of GRAMMY winners, Blues Foundation Music Award (BMA) winners, Northwest bands, and up-and-coming young artists. Nationally acclaimed acts include 5-time GRAMMY winners Blind Boys of Alabama, Spyro Gyra, Tommy Castro & The Painkillers (2022 BMA Album of the Year), Sue Foley (2022 BMA Traditional Female Blues Artist of The Year), 3-time GRAMMY winner Alison Brown, Bonerama, Grace Kelly, and Pascal Bokar and The Afro Blue Grazz Band. Northwest Bands include Oregon Music Hall of Fame inductee Norman Sylvester Blues Band, Bottleneck Blues Band, jazz pianist and composer Jasnam Daya Singh, The Ne Plus Ultra Jazz Orchestra, guitarist Adam Scramstad, and pianist Dave Lee. Two young female artists are on the lineup: trombonist Adrian Wagner, and guitarist Taylor Newville. "The 2023 music lineup has the most variety and greatest depth of talent than any Festival over the past 20 years," says Artistic Director Dr. Michael Kissinger. "The musical genres include mainstream jazz, fusion, blues, gospel, bluegrass jazz, and jazz from the early 20th century," he added. A record number of visitors from 15 states and Canada attended in 2022, and thousands of fans are expected to



Jazz Saxophonist Grace Kelly is Performing at the 2023 Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival

attend the 2023 Festival. Advance Festival tickets range from \$30 for single tickets to \$100 for a 3-day pass.

**REBIRTH & RENEWED ENERGY** – The Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival is recognized as "...the largest festival of its kind in the Northwest..." (ABC TV, KATU 2, Portland, OR). The Festival returned in 2022 after being cancelled for two years due to the COVID pandemic. "Being cancelled for two years was devastating. We were determined to rebuild the Festival after the pandemic and we came back with renewed energy in 2022," says Kissinger. "We are looking forward to the 2023 Festival and to the future, because music and the arts bring us life, and joy. Music is not incidental. It is essential to the human spirit."



Bonerama Performs Saturday, August 26 at the 2023 Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival

**NORTHWEST WINES** – "Great wine and jazz music are a natural fit" says Festival Director Maria Manzo. "People can buy 1-ounce tastes to savor any of the 60 Northwest wines or purchase a glass to enjoy with delicious food while listening to world-class jazz." Barnard Griffin Winery is the official Wine Sponsor of the 2023 Festival. "Barnard Griffin is one of the premiere wineries in Washington. The winery is celebrating its 40th anniversary of crafting premium Washington wines, and we are proud to have them as our official Wine Sponsor" she added.

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**FINE ART** – The Festival also promotes the art of 20 fine artists from California, Oregon, and Washington. Their art is on display and for sale. According to Ms. Manzo, "We are delighted to have an eclectic group of talented fine artists to present this year. They will be showing and selling their art throughout the weekend, and prices range from \$50 for jewelry to as much as \$5,000 for original paintings." Fine

artists who work in acrylic, watercolors, pottery, metal sculpture, mixed media, glass, paper, jewelry, photography, and fiber art will be showcased. Los Angeles painter Samuel Pace was commissioned to paint the 2023 Festival Poster Art, a portrait of jazz saxophonist Grace Kelly, called 'Grace In Green.'



**FOOD & EXHIBITORS** – Five caterers and restaurants will serve delicious food including BBQ ribs, chicken, Northwest crab cakes, gyros, Asian cuisine, and tasty desserts. The Festival also features a variety of business exhibitors who promote and sell their products and services, ranging from locally made hot sauces and organic pet foods, to BMW cars and premium custom windows.

**SPONSORS** – “We are very grateful for our 2023 Festival sponsors,” says Dr. Kissinger. “It would be impossible to produce the Festival without the financial backing of these companies and we are blessed – and humbled – by their support.” The Festival also has grant BMW of Portland is the Stage Sponsor. ilani Casino Resort is the Jazz Artist Sponsor. Silver Sponsors are:

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**HOTELS** – The Festival visitors and room packages are available at 4 local hotels: Vancouver Hilton, the Hotel Indigo, AC Marriott Vancouver Waterfront, and Downtown Vancouver Comfort Inn & Suites. All hotels are linked on the website at [www.vancouverwinejazz.com](http://www.vancouverwinejazz.com).

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