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### **Summertime Jazz Concert Series Headed to Beacon Park**

**DETROIT (April 30, 2019)** – A summertime jazz concert series is headed to Detroit's Beacon Park. *Jazz at DTE's Beacon Park* located at Grand River and Cass Avenue in Detroit, curated by the Detroit Jazz Festival Foundation (DJFF) and produced by the Downtown Detroit Partnership, will consist of five free concerts held between May-September. These concerts will feature local and national jazz artists showcasing their talent at one of Detroit's newest attractions.

All concerts start at 7 p.m. and will feature artists who performed at the 2018 Detroit Jazz Festival and/or previous DJFF initiatives. Upcoming concert dates and artists include:

- **Friday, May 17**  
The first concert will feature two bands from the inaugural DJFF *Jazz Goes to College* Combo Competition. The winner of the competition, *Heartland Trio* from Indiana University and runner up, *The Becoming Quintet* out of Michigan State University will both perform 45-minute sets.
- **Friday, June 14**  
Alvin Waddles – Tribute to Leonard Bernstein
- **Friday, July 19**  
Alex Harding & Organ Nation
- **Friday, August 16**  
Tenth World featuring Kevin Jones and Kelvin Sholar
- **Friday, September 20**  
To be announced later

“The Friday concert series at Beacon Park is another great opportunity to further our mission by providing the city of Detroit with more quality outdoor jazz performances leading up to our 40<sup>th</sup> Detroit Jazz Festival presented by Quicken Loans,” said Chris Collins, president and artistic director, Detroit Jazz Festival Foundation. “In addition, we’re excited to blend young jazz students with local and national artists for what will be a great jazz experience in Beacon Park. Special thanks to DTE Foundation for its long-standing partnership with the Detroit Jazz Festival Foundation and for making this happen.”

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DTE opened Beacon Park in the summer of 2017. Since its opening, the park has continued to be one of Detroit's must-see places to visit and explore. It is uniquely situated on 1.2 acres and is an ideal location for a cool summertime concert series.

"We are excited to collaborate with the Detroit Jazz Festival Foundation to bring another free and family-friendly event to Beacon Park as we continue to welcome visitors to this area of downtown," said Nancy Moody, vice president of Public Affairs at DTE Energy. "This concert series will be a great opportunity for those who are getting off work or looking for something to do on a summer Friday night to unwind and listen to live music right in the heart of downtown Detroit."

**About the Detroit Jazz Festival Foundation**

The Detroit Jazz Festival Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization that presents jazz and educational workshops throughout the year. The Foundation produces the Detroit Jazz Festival presented by Quicken Loans, which is the signature event for the Foundation and the largest free jazz festival in the world. The Detroit Jazz Festival is also a major tourist attraction for the City of Detroit, with 26 percent of its audience coming from out of state. For more information, visit [detroitjazzfest.org](http://detroitjazzfest.org).

**About Beacon Park**

Beacon Park, located at Grand River and Cass Avenue, was developed by DTE Energy as both a programmed public space and a catalyst for growth in west central downtown. The park hosts hundreds of events annually, from headliner concerts to family fun days and fitness boot camps. Programming for the park is underwritten by the DTE Beacon Park Foundation.

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