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Detroit's Karriem Riggins to serve as Artist-in-Residence at the 2023 Detroit Jazz Festival

DETROIT – The Detroit Jazz Festival Foundation is honored to present Karriem Riggins as its Artist-in-Residence for the 2023 Detroit Jazz Festival. Riggins is a renowned jazz musician, producer, DJ, and EMMY Award winner from Detroit, Michigan.

As the 2023 Artist-in-Residence, Riggins will support Detroit Jazz Festival Foundation educational initiatives for students and community engagement activities across the region throughout the year. In addition, Riggins will lead multiple diverse performances during the Festival on Labor Day weekend. He will also be on the campus of Wayne State University to host a master class for university and high school students on **April 11**, and perform during the **April 12** Preview Event which will be livestreamed for free on detroitjazzfest.org.

“The selection of Karriem Riggins as the 2023 Artist-in-Residence represents our mission to embrace the next generation of jazz leadership, and jazz’s continuous evolution that makes this genre of music so special and eternal,” said Chris Collins, president and artistic director of the Detroit Jazz Festival Foundation. “His artistry, energy, transcending jazz style and presence will create an exciting showcase of talent and diverse tapestry coming from the Festival stages.”

With a career spanning over two decades, Riggins has made a significant impact on the music industry with his versatile style and innovative approach to production. Riggins has worked with some of the biggest names in the industry, including Diana Krall, Common, Erykah Badu, Paul McCartney and Steve Lacy. In addition to jazz, Karriem has received widespread recognition for his contributions to the hip-hop genre. Whether in the studio or on the stage, Riggins continues to push the boundaries of music and inspire a new generation of musicians and artists around the world.

The Detroit Jazz Festival will be held in downtown Detroit on Sept. 1 - 4.

About the Detroit Jazz Festival Foundation

Under the leadership of President and Artistic Director Chris Collins, 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, which is the signature event for the Foundation and the largest free jazz festival in the world. The 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.

The Foundation receives grant funding from the DTE Foundation, Kresge Foundation, Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, Arts Midwest, D'Addario Foundation and Carolyn Wanzo and the Purify Wanzo CTAA Endowment at Wayne State University. Hundreds of individuals also contribute to the Festival through membership and donations.

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