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**CURTIS STIGERS CONCERT TO BENEFIT VAIL JAZZ FOUNDATION**  
*Renowned vocalist and saxophonist will perform at The Arrabelle in Vail*

Vail, CO July 15, 2009 – The Vail Jazz Foundation is hosting a benefit dinner and concert on Monday, July 20 at the Arrabelle Hotel in Lionshead, featuring a performance by multi platinum selling vocalist Curtis Stigers.

Singer, saxophonist, and songwriter, Stigers possesses a distinctive voice and storytelling style that allows the poetry of the lyrics to come through. Not at all a stranger to Vail, Stigers opened the 2008 Jazz at Vail Square concert series, presented by the Vail Jazz Foundation last summer. He will be arriving here from Ronnie Scott's, one of the most famous jazz clubs in London, after playing the Copenhagen Jazz Festival and the Toronto Jazz Festival with fellow musicians Matthew Fries (piano) and Cliff Schmitt (bass).

Stigers recently completed a stint at the Algonquin Hotel in New York, where he received rave reviews. The Village Voice's David Finkel, said "Not since Chet Baker has a male warbler been quite so cool at impeccably interpreting the Great American Songbook." Stephen Holden, New York Times, said of Stigers: "Depending on your definition he is either a rock 'n' roll jazz man who plays a honking saxophone that echoes his raw, craggy singing or a jazz-influenced rocker."

Stigers recently also finished recording a new album "Lost in Dreams", which will be released in September on Concord Records. The album includes a mix of standards and original tunes, recorded with his quartet which includes John Sneider on trumpet, Matthew Fries on piano, Cliff Schmitt on bass and Keith Hall on drums.

"Curtis is the hottest jazz singer in Europe today", said Vail Jazz Foundation chair and artistic director Howard Stone, chair and artistic director of the Vail Jazz Foundation. "We are really lucky that Curtis loves Vail and has returned to share his great talent with us – all for the benefit of the Vail Jazz Foundation, its education and live performance programs." continued Stone

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**ABOUT THE VAIL JAZZ FOUNDATION**

The Vail Jazz Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, celebrating 14 years of providing outstanding jazz music and jazz education programs in the Vail Valley of Colorado. For more information, visit [www.vailjazz.org](http://www.vailjazz.org)

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