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VAIL FARMERS MARKET SERVES UP FREE CONCERT WITH SUMMIT JAZZ CONSORT

Vail Jazz Festival presents free jazz from noon to 3:30pm on Sunday, July 19

Vail, CO July 16, 2008 – The Summit Jazz Consort will bring traditional live jazz to the Vail Farmers Market on Sunday, July 19. Sunday’s concert will feature a trio including Dave Rucker on bass, Rick Weingarten on the vibraphone, and Sal Mancini on guitar & vocals,

Founded by Mark Jeffery in 1996, the Summit Jazz Consort is comprised of 19 musicians who came together for their love of traditional jazz. By drawing on a variety of musicians, the consort can customize the musical grouping to best suit the occasion and venue.

Jeffery, who originally came from Georgia to pursue his passion for skiing, was thrilled to be able to create a jazz presence in the region. “There was hardly any jazz when I got here, and the consort just grew out of a desire to play good jazz here in Colorado,” said Jeffery.

Rick Weingarten has played the Market both as part of the Consort and with his own trio. “We just love playing the market,” said Weingarten. “Folks who stop to listen are always so happy and appreciative to enjoy cool jazz on a sunny Sunday afternoon – that’s what we look forward to.”

The Vail Jazz Foundation presents Blues, Standards, vocals and straight ahead jazz to the Vail Farmers’ Market, Sundays from 12:00 to 3:30pm through August 30. Don’t miss this unique opportunity to catch some of the region’s hottest jazz talent on Meadow Drive in Vail Village.

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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

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August 16 Rick Weingarten Trio

August 23 Jeremy Wendelin Quartet

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