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## **DANCE WITH HOT TOMATOES SWING BAND AUGUST 13 IN VAIL SQUARE**

*Free concert in tented venue from 6-8pm in Lionshead*

Vail, CO, August 10, 2009 – The Hot Tomatoes Dance Orchestra and two professional swing dance couples will descend on Lionshead on August 13 in Vail Square for a free concert including swing dance instruction, presented by the Vail Jazz Foundation and the Arrabelle Hotel.

The Hot Tomatoes Dance Orchestra delights fans with authentic re-creations of music by the greats of the swing era, including Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller and Harry James. Completing the big band experience are award-winning swing dancers Tiffany Wine and Kenny Nelson, whose high energy, toe tapping swing performance will not be complete until they invite the 'not so shy' to join them for swing dance instruction.

"We are excited to be part of the Vail Jazz Festival", said dancer Tiffany Wine. "The festival has such a rich history and it's nice to share the art of Swing so close to home."

The performance will begin with classic tunes from the swing era and will continue with big band sound complemented by dancing and swing instruction. Couples and singles are welcome to join in the fun, or simply watch from the seats under the tent.

"Vail Square is a perfect venue for jazz," said Jeanette Schulze, general manager of the Arrabelle Hotel in Lionshead. "We are thrilled to co-present this series with the Vail Jazz Foundation in this, its second year," continued Schulze.

The outdoor venue is located in the inner courtyard just outside the Arrabelle hotel in Lionshead, and with tented seating for 200 people; the concerts are presented rain or shine.

The concert series continues next Thursday, August 20 with Latin Jazz sensation Magos Herrera, who will appear with her outstanding trio. On August 27, Doug Wamble takes the stage with his eclectic mix of jazz, blues and gospel. The free series wraps up on September 3 with the legendary Clayton Brothers Quintet. Joining the Claytons will be the Vail Jazz All-Stars, a dozen of the most talented high school aged jazz musicians in North America, who will be completing a ten day intensive workshop in Vail with

the Vail Jazz Foundation. Thursday will be their opportunity to shine with one of the most accomplished jazz quintets of today. The final Jazz at Vail Square concert also kicks off the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Labor Day weekend party, hosted at the Vail Marriott Mountain Resort and in Vail Square September 3 – 7, and featuring Ann Hampton Callaway, Jeff Hamilton Trio, Brian Lynch Quintet, Dave Corbus, Joel Frahm, Wycliffe Gordon, Benny Green, and many other great jazz musicians. Tickets start at \$45 and are on sale now at [www.vailjazz.org](http://www.vailjazz.org).

**Jazz @ Vail Square: At a Glance**

<b>Thursday, August 20</b>	<b>Magos Herrera</b>
<b>Thursday, August 27</b>	<b>Doug Wamble</b>
<b>Thursday, September 3</b>	<b>Clayton Brothers Quintet &amp; VJF All-Stars</b>

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The Vail Jazz Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, celebrating 15 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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