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LATIN JAZZ SONGSTRESS MAGOS HERRERA LIGHTS UP VAIL AUGUST 20

Free concert in tented venue at Vail Square from 6-8pm in Lionshead

Vail, CO, August 18, 2009 – The Jazz at Vail Square series continues on Thursday night with the Magos Herrera Quartet from 6-8pm outside the Arrabelle Hotel in Lionshead.

Mexican born Herrera is an accomplished singer-songwriter known for her beguiling rhythmic scatting inflected with soulful Latin-Andalusian phrasings. Magos' signature sound elegantly blends her classic jazz styling with Mexican, Cuban and Brazilian melodies.

"I'm very excited to play with the Vail Jazz Festival because it has a great history and reputation," said Herrera. "I hope jazz lovers will come out and listen to the music of my new album. Colorado is always a lot of fun and I can't wait to play for you in Vail."

Fluent in Spanish, Portuguese and English, Magos is a favorite in Latin America, and her repertoire is filled with the yearning romance, intimacy and enchantment of Mexican and Cuban songs and boleros, and sultry, languid samba-bossa nova beats. Herrera is joined by Jeff Jenkins on piano, Ricky Rodriguez on bass, and Alexandre Kautz on drums.

"We've had great response to this year's lineup of talent," said Mia Vlaar, executive director of the Vail Jazz Foundation. "In this, our second year in Vail Square, it's clear the free series in Lionshead has become a favorite of visitors and guests alike."

The series continues on Thursday, August 27, when 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 15th 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.

Jazz @ Vail Square: At a Glance

Thursday, August 20	Magos Herrera
Thursday, August 27	Doug Wamble
Thursday, September 3	Clayton Brothers Quintet & VJF All-Stars

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