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## **Free Community Concert Friday at Vilar Performing Arts Center**

**Vail Jazz Foundation offers free concert on Jazz Appreciation Day, April 9**

April 5, 2010 - Vail, Colorado - What do you get when you take jazz maven Tony Gulizia, add five talented jazz musicians, and let them loose at the Vilar Performing Arts Center? You get an awesome FREE show featuring the Jazz Goes to School Sextet in celebration of Jazz Appreciation Day! On Friday, April 9, 2010, the Vail Jazz Foundation, with the generous support of sponsors Alpine Bank, Vail Resorts Echo, United Way Eagle River Valley, the Vail Valley Foundation and many others, will present a free jazz concert for the community at the Vilar Performing Arts Center.

The free concert will begin at the Vilar PAC at 6pm, and seats will be available on a first come, first served basis.

“We are super excited to do this show,” said program director and band leader Tony Gulizia. “The six of us have been playing together for years now, both with Jazz Goes to School and at other gigs, and it’ll be fun to break out of the elementary schools and share our swingin’ sound with the entire Vail Valley community.”

Local jazz ambassador Gulizia continued, “This concert will take you through 100 years of American jazz, with familiar standards from Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Miles Davis, George Gershwin and John Coltrane, along with some spicy Latin flavors from Tito Puente and Antonio Carlos Jobim.” The concert will span the first century of American jazz with tunes familiar to most everyone.

“We hope everyone will come out and celebrate the end of the ski season and enjoy the musicianship of this fabulous sextet at the Vilar Center “, said VJF’s executive director, Mia Vlaar. The Jazz Goes to School Sextet is comprised of Tony Gulizia (keyboards/vocals), Tony’s brother Joey (drums), Andy Hall (bass), Roger Neumann (saxophone), Kirk Garrison (trumpet) and Michael Pujado (congas and percussion).

Jazz Goes to School is presented by the Vail Jazz Foundation (VJF), a 501 c3 charitable foundation dedicated to the perpetuation of jazz through performances and education, with a focus on young musicians and young audiences. The program educates over 1,000 fourth and fifth graders annually in the public schools of Eagle County, plus the Eagle County Charter Academy, Vail Mountain School, Vail Academy, Stone Creek Elementary School and St. Clare of Assisi. Jazz Goes to School has exposed over 10,000 school students to jazz music since inception.

Jazz Goes to School is sponsored in part by Alpine Bank, Vail Resorts Echo, Vilar PAC Community Use Fund, City Market/The Kroger Foundation, Colorado Mountain Express (Official Transportation Provider), Eagle County RE-50J School District elementary school PTOs, PTOs of the schools, Ella Fitzgerald Charitable Foundation, United Way Eagle River Valley, Vail Valley Foundation, Vilar Performing Arts Center Beaver Creek, Walmart Foundation, and numerous other corporate and private donors.

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