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The Freedom Jazz Festival (FJF) invites you to join us at this year's jazz and art festival on Saturday, September 19, 2015, from 12 noon to 6:00 PM at the Minnehaha Park Band Stand, 4801 Minnehaha Avenue South, Minneapolis!

The Freedom Jazz Festival will be “**A Fusion of Music, Art, and Soulful Vibes**” of expressions for young and old, jazz, blues, RnB and more! It will be a throwback to a melding of bebop, cool, funk, gospel, backbeat rhythms and smooth notes. Like America, jazz music is diverse and free. James Wade, principal of 2110 Design Group, designed the earthy and vibrant 2015 poster with those exact spirits in mind.

The Freedom Jazz Festival began in 1999 as a community building effort to present, preserve and promote jazz in the Twin Cities by featuring the cultural and historical contributions, improvisations, inspirations and innovations of African American artists. As America's own original music Jazz continues to be a major influence in the world.

The Freedom Jazz Festival is an outdoor jazz festival for jazz lovers, families, music lovers to enjoy a great day of jazz, tasty foods, people and community, gathering at beautiful parks in Minneapolis.

“Freedom Jazz Festival was fortunate to receive a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council and we look forward to sharing a great afternoon of jazz, art, information and showcasing the many talented artists of various mediums in the Twin Cities”, states W Rayford Johnson, Chair and Music Director. The in-kind donation of the musical instruments and sound system by Groth Music has been a major contribution to the jazz festival since 2013.

The highlight of the performances will be “Three Women of Jazz”, Ms. Debbie Duncan, Ms. Yolande Bruce and Ms. Linda Sloan. There will be two open Jam sessions so dust off your instrument and join the set on stage!

The festival is accessible and FREE for everyone to enjoy rain or shine! Paid and neighborhood public parking is available.

We invite serious jazz fans, art and music lovers to novice students of jazz to stop on by, stay a while and take in the sights and sounds of the Freedom Jazz and Art Festival!

