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JazzFest Provides Fun for Families

MURFREESBORO – In addition to the great music, families have something else to cheer about at Jazzfest; a free play area for kids.

“We always work hard to be certain JazzFest has an area for kids that is fun and free,” assures Leslie Walker, Kid’s Alley coordinator for JazzFest. “At other festivals, a family could easily spend \$30 or \$40 dollars on these types of activities.”

This year’s activities will include some returning events, like the Discovery Center JazzFest mural, which kids can paint, the Moon walk and other inflatables. One item missed from last year’s event will be a climbing wall, returning courtesy of the YMCA.

Many local non-profits participate, including Middle Tennessee Medical Center, the YMCA, Linebaugh Library, Recycle Rutherford and the Murfreesboro Fire Department. “Our wonderful volunteers and sponsors make sure we can offer plenty of excitement for the little ones, and for the not so little ones, as well.”

Like the event itself, JazzFest Kids’ Alley and all of its activities are free. Kids’ Alley will be open from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm on Saturday.

JazzFest is organized by the Main Street staff and is chaired this year by volunteers Kevin Smith and Leslie Dodd Karl. Roughly 400 volunteers from the community work under guidance of 12 committees to ensure a smooth-running festival. The Friday sessions begin at 6 p.m. and run until about 10:30 pm. Musicians will play Saturday from 11 a.m. to roughly 9:30 p.m.

For more information or high resolution photos, visit it the web site, www.mainstreetjazzfest.com., or call Main Street at (615) 895-1887.