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Murfreesboro's JazzFest Provides Economical Fun

Murfreesboro, Tenn: Families in Middle Tennessee are looking for inexpensive fun this spring and summer, and local festivals are just the ticket. Murfreesboro's JazzFest is one of the first and biggest of these events. Always the first weekend in May, the 13th annual JazzFest is just around the corner, in more ways than one. Taking place on Murfreesboro's historic square and just two miles from the geographic center of Tennessee, JazzFest is an easy drive away.

Over 15,000 people attend the free event that features two stages of music, a free Kid's Alley, a free jazz clinic, garden market, and all the food one would expect from an outdoor festival. Performers include Percussion XS, an all percussion group; Jazzmin, a vocal ensemble from Belmont University; the Music City Swing, a big band with a big sound; the U.S. Army Jazz Guardians and headliner, saxophonist John Ellis.

While in town for Jazzfest, festival goers can also enjoy some of Murfreesboro's other attractions, such as the Stones River National Battlefield, site of one of the most pivotal battles of the Civil War, or the Children's Discovery Center at Murfree Springs, a hands-on museum and nature center.

JazzFest is organized by the Main Street staff and is chaired this year by volunteer Emily Parke. 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.