

## 25th Anniversary Sedona Jazz on the Rocks Festival

Earl Klugh, Paquito D'Rivera, Billy Mitchell and Rene Marie are among eight renowned jazz and blues performers coming together to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Sedona Jazz on the Rocks Festival, Sept. 21-24.

This four-day event, marking the first quarter-century of the world-renowned festival also features acoustic blues guitarist Doug MacLeod, the Benny Green Trio, and vocalists Melissa Walker and Barbara Morrison.

They will follow the sounds, and the footsteps, of some of the biggest names in jazz who have appeared in Sedona over the past 25 years, including Diana Krall, Nancy Wilson, Cleo Laine, Billy Eckstein, Chuck Mangione, Dave Koz, T.S. Monk, Al Jarreau, and the bands of Count Basie, Louie Bellson, and Woody Herman.

"You only have to take a look at the list of performers who have been here to get a feel for the remarkable history of this festival," said Executive Director Debra Bodnar.

Festival founder Marion Hermann has seen them all.

"SJOR has come a very long way from that first year at the Posse Grounds with a bare stage under an open tent, a couple of portapotties, a little red dirt and lots of prickly pear cactus to avoid," she said. "We had a couple hundred people there that day, and they had a great time. That much has not changed. People still love the experience of a concert surrounded by the red rocks, only now there are thousands of people here every year."

Tickets and event packages are on sale. Single ticket prices are: \$100 for the Thursday Night Party at a private Sedona home featuring one of the performers, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres; \$50 for the Friday night performance at a venue to be deter-



Earl Klugh

mined; \$65 for lawn tickets to the all-day Saturday Festival, \$85 for chair tickets, and \$225 for the patron tent that includes special seating, food and drinks; and \$80 for the Sunday brunch and concert at a venue to be determined. Ticket packages are available for \$175 for Friday,

Saturday lawn tickets and the Sunday brunch; \$195 for Friday, Saturday chair seats and the Sunday brunch; and \$335 for Friday, Saturday Patron Tent and the Sunday brunch.

Tickets will be available through the Web site ([sedonajazz.com](http://sedonajazz.com)) or call (928) 282-1985.

## Cowboy poets to gather in Prescott

The 19th Annual Arizona Cowboy Poets Gathering takes place August 17-19, at the Sharlot Hall Museum and the Yavapai College Performance Hall in Prescott, and features poet Steve Lindsey from Elgin, Arizona.

The 2006 Gathering's theme is, *All in a Day's Work*, and presents cowboy storytelling in verse and song, Western harmony bands, cowboy singer/songwriters, and cowboy traditions - from the latest range-country styles to fine art of the West - in a mix that is refreshingly different and delightfully entertaining.

For people coming from Arizona's cattle culture, the Gathering offers renewal

through familiar, traditional, and much-loved art forms. For city folks, the Gathering offers a

chance to experience the Arizona cowboy's life through his own eyes and in his or her own carefully crafted words.

The Gathering is entertainment and eye-opening education presenting one hundred poets, reciters and old-time singers who keep alive the working cowboy's oral traditions by writing, reciting and singing narrative poetry about their lives on the Arizona range.

For further info, and a full schedule of Gathering events, go on-line ([sharlot.org](http://sharlot.org)), or call Warren Miller at (928) 445-3122, ext. 19.



Renee Marie



Liz Masterson