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Jazz Aspen Snowmass Announces Full Summer Line-Up **The Allman Brothers Band, Black Eyed Peas, Smokey Robinson, Natalie Cole, Jamie Cullum and Many More**

Aspen, CO, April 6, 2009 – Jazz Aspen Snowmass is pleased to announce their 2009 Summer Line-Up. The JAS season kicks off with the newly formatted June Festival taking place June 18-27. The first weekend will feature three shows at the Benedict Music Tent, starting Thursday, June 18 with the return of British singer/songwriter/pianist **Jamie Cullum**, who made an unforgettable debut at JAS in 2006. Top selling jazz trumpeter and recording artist **Chris Botti** will take the stage on Friday, June 19 with special guest vocalists still to be announced. Botti is currently being featured in a PBS special with the Boston Pops airing nationally. Closing the first weekend at the tent will be **Smokey Robinson**, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Motown on Saturday, June 20. For the first time, the JAS festival weekend dates will overlap the famed Aspen Food & Wine Classic, making for a delicious stew of gastronomic and musical possibilities in Aspen.

On Wednesday, June 24 a special performance featuring the emerging jazz vocalist/bassist **Esperanza Spalding** and the unique “vocal play” of newcomers **Naturally 7**, a mind-bending group exploding world-wide whose sound is created entirely without instruments. This performance will take place at the Belly Up. All Blind Faith Pass holders and JAS National Council Members will have access to this special event.

The weekend continues June 25-27 with free daily performances on the Cooper Mall Free Stage and evening concerts featuring the Christian McBride and the JAS Academy Summer Sessions Bands at the Crystal Palace plus addition After Dark shows at the Belly Up. On Saturday, June 27 JAS and the Aspen Music Festival and School will co-present a special performance from five time Grammy Winning Jazz vocal legend **Al Jarreau**, in an evening of Jazz and Symphonic Pops, backed by the full AMFS Symphony Orchestra.

An additional collaboration between JAS and AMFS will take place on Saturday, July 25 at the Benedict Music Tent, featuring **Natalie Cole**: Still Unforgettable, the music of Nat “King” Cole, which earned two 2009 Grammy awards. Cole will be joined by her big band plus the AMFS orchestra.

Finally the much anticipated JAS Labor Day Festival will return to Snowmass Town Park from Sept. 4-6. Previously announced, **Michael Franti and Spearhead** will headline on Friday,

Sept. 4 in their only summer Colorado appearance. Opening for Franti will be **Citizen Cope** in his first JAS appearance. Making their first Aspen appearance on Saturday, Sept. 5th are the **Black Eyed Peas**, whose new album, featuring the hit single Boom Boom Pow, releases worldwide in June, in their exclusive Colorado summer appearance. **Umphey's McGee** opens the day on Saturday with a 5pm act still to be announced. Returning to JAS on Sunday, Sept. 6th is the legendary **Allman Brothers Band**, celebrating their 40th anniversary tour this year. The Allman Brothers 2007 appearance at JAS was the biggest concert in JAS history. Following that sell out year JAS reduced the number of tickets sold and increased site capacity in order to make the grounds more comfortable. Joining this highly anticipated bill will be the legendary American rock band, **The Doobie Brothers**, performing at 5pm, with the **Drive By Truckers** kicking the day off. The Doobie's have been rockin' crowds since 1970 with songs like Black Water and Takin' It to the Streets.

Tickets for both Festivals go on-sale Friday, April 10 at 9am. Tickets can be purchased at 866-JAS-TIXX, www.jazzaspen.org or at the Belly Up Box Office in Aspen, 970-544-9800. For lodging and ticket packages please call 800-SNOWMASS or visit www.snowmassvillage.com.

BUY NOW AND SAVE! JAS is offering a special 3-Day Labor Day Festival Pass until April 24 for only \$125 plus \$15 service charge. Don't miss this special deal as the price will increase after the 24th. Single day tickets will be available for both festivals as well. For information on Patron (VIP) tickets please call 866-468-8355.

Al Jarreau and Natalie Cole tickets are on-sale now through the AMFS Box Office, 970-925-9042 or www.aspenmusicfestival.com.

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