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Judy Collins opens the Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival August 22

The 2008 edition of **Michael Kissinger's** Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival opens with "An Evening with **Judy Collins**" at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, in Esther Short Park in downtown Vancouver.

The three-day festival follows three themes, according to Kissinger. Theme number one is female singer-songwriters--Collins, **Melissa Manchester**, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, and **Rita Coolidge**, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24.

Theme number two, New Orleans jazz and jazz ensembles--**Nicholas Payton**, 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, **BeauSoleil**, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, and **Preservation Hall Jazz Band**, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24.

Theme number three, the roots of jazz, **John Pizzarelli**, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24, **Brubeck Brothers**, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, **The Rippingtons**, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, and the **Gospel Hummingbirds**, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24.

Three-day festival tickets are \$50 in advance, \$60 at the gate. Friday tickets are \$17 in advance, \$20 at the gate. Saturday and Sunday tickets are \$21 each in advance, \$25 each at the gate. For ticket information, call **(800) 992-8499**.



Judy Collins

GreenFest is all-day Saturday

The public follow-up of Vancouver and Clark County's two-day Sustainability Conference is GreenFest, a one-day free event for families and children beginning with a bicycle ride led by Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard** at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 12. The three-mile ride begins at the Vancouver Landing and follows the Renaissance Trail to Marine Park and the Water Resources Education Center.

Ellis Jones, author of *Better World Handbook* and *Better World Shopping Guide*, offers advice on how to turn lofty ideals into practical actions at 10 a.m. at the main stage in Marine Park.

Other main stage attractions are the **One of a Kind Drumline**, international drummers entertaining at 11 a.m., a Junk to Funk fashion show is noon, and at 2 p.m. the **Justin Klump Band**. There is no charge for GreenFest activities, but promoters suggest donations of two cans of non-perishable food..

The Water Resource Education Center offers a variety of children's activities from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A 9-mile Heritage Tree Ride with urban forestry guides leaves the water center at 2 p.m.

Black boxes may help motorists slow down

Three-by-five-foot black boxes that record the speed of passing vehicles and then flash the posted speed limit may become an important traffic control device on Clark County roads, according to **Richard Gamble**, Clark County Public Works spokesman.

Two of the boxes have been installed on NE 117th Street between NE 2nd and 3rd Avenues.

The boxes do not include cameras, Gamble says. They are not designed to catch speeders, he says. They are designed to be a more significant way of letting motorists know they are exceeding the speed limit in an effort to get speeds down.

Motorists driving at or below the posted 30 mph speed limited will not see the box display, but motorists exceeding the speed limit will see a bright electronic 30 mph display appear in the black box.

"The idea is to get the driver's attention and get the driver to slow down," Gamble says.

People

Karen A. Waggoner, Meeting Expectations LLC, Vancouver, for her commitment to the meeting planning industry, has earned the 2008 Mentor Award presented by the Oregon Chapter of Meeting Professionals

International.

News brief

A \$500,000 grant for Battle Ground's North Parkway project is included in the federal Transportation and Housing Appropriations Bill, reports U.S. Sen. **Patty Murray** (D-Wash.). The half-mile improvement between Onsforff Boulevard and N 6th Street includes street lights, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, median islands and turn lanes.

Calendar

Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts entertain in a free concert sponsored by the Port of Camas-Washougal and L:aCamas Credit Union. at 2 p.m. in the port's waterfront Marine Park. Also entertaining is the Washougal High School **X-tet & Friends**, with special guest pianist **Steve Christofferson**. The Camas Lions Club are operating a beer and wine garden. Other food vendors will be on hand. <> A used book sale is continuing in the Vancouver Mall Community Library until 9 p.m. this evening and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow, July 12. <> A downtown walking tour sponsored by the Clark County Historical Society is from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 12. The tour leaves from the Clark County Historical Museum, 1511 Main Street. Tour fees are \$5 for members of the historical society, \$10 for nonmembers. For further information, call **993-5679**.

Friday on the air**Seattle Mariners at Kansas City (live)—5 p.m. FSN, KFX**

Clark County Focus (7/7)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Portland Beavers at Tucson (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Animal Control Hearings (6/25)—7 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Board of Health (6/25)—8:45 p.m. CVTV

RTC: Transportation Plan Public Comment (7/9)—10 p.m. CVTV

Army News Watch—11 p.m. FVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Cindy Hill handling email connections. <> **Stephanie Kennedy** offering regional perspective. <> **Maureen Chan Hefflin** relaying concert news. <> **Dennis Grunes** calling for applause. <> **Bonnie Gilberti** busy with the qwerty. <> **Bruce Cross** maintaining cub reporter status. <> **Friday**, sunny, 58-87. **Saturday**, sunny and hot, 60-92. **Sunday**, sunny, cooling, 57-86.