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VIRGINIA BLUES & JAZZ FESTIVAL: JUNE 11-13, 2010

Hot Springs, VA – Festival lovers in the Mid-Atlantic won't have to travel far to enjoy hot jazz and cool blues June 11-13, 2010. The Virginia Blues & Jazz Festival (VBJF) at Garth Newel Music Center is only a half day's drive from Washington, DC.

Pianist **Gerald Clayton** and his trio open the festival with swinging jazz on Friday, June 11th, at 7:30 pm in Garth Newel's 200-seat concert hall. The doors open early at 6:30 pm for drinks and an assortment of appetizers by Chef Randy.

Blues legend **Marcia Ball** headlines Saturday's all-day festival on the side of Warm Springs Mountain surrounded by 114 acres of rolling hills, giant oaks, and stunning views. The rest of the line-up is just as stunning with the guardians of New Orleans funk **Papa Grows Funk**, Grammy nominee powerhouse **Ruthie Foster**, spine-tingling harmonies of the **Holmes Brothers**, and Virginia's own jazz guitarist **Bert Carlson** with **Danny Knicely** on the mandolin.

Guests should bring blankets or chairs to sit on the lawn. Kids are welcome with plenty of room to move around. Doors open at 11:00 am and the music begins at 12:30 pm.

All great festivals need great food and Chef Randy Wyche will prepare chicken hot off the grill, pulled pork, gumbo, and other delights. Beverages, hot dogs, ice cream, and other festival snacks are available on Saturday. Vegetarian fare will also be available.

Sunday's New Orleans Jazz Brunch tops off the weekend with pianist Hod O'Brien and guitarist Royce Campbell. Chef Randy will prepare authentic New Orleans fare: eggs benedict, andouille sausage gravy with herb biscuits, cinnamon French toast with bananas foster, grillades & grits and much more.

A variety of lodging is available to suit everyone's taste, from one of Virginia's finest resorts, The Homestead Resort & Spa, to Victorian inns such as the Inn at Gristmill Square; there are also rustic lodges and motels. Some visitors enjoy simply sleeping under the stars in the George Washington National Forest or in Virginia's best — Douthat State Park.

For more information or to reserve tickets, call Garth Newel at 877.558.1689 or visit www.VaBluesFest.org.

About Garth Newel Music Center

Aside from the Virginia Blues & Jazz Festival, Garth Newel Music Center is home to the critically-acclaimed Garth Newel Piano Quartet, performing over 50 concerts each year at the center and on tour. Music Holiday weekends feature guest room accommodations with evening performances, cocktails, a gourmet dinner, and engaging company. Full performance schedule and details available online at www.GarthNewel.org

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