

## Cheraw Has Jazz! SC Jazz Festival In Dizzy's Hometown

Dizzy Gillespie's hometown of Cheraw ushers in its 13th year of the South Carolina Jazz Festival October 19-21 with three days of great jazz and exciting activities. The weekend, which coincides with the 101st anniversary of Gillespie's birth, will showcase the unique bond Gillespie shared with his South Carolina roots and jazz.

A wide variety of both free and ticketed concerts and events are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 19-20. The festival culminates on Sunday, October 21, with a Jazz Mass at Cheraw First Baptist Church.

Over 25 Jazz performances are scheduled during the festival including in-school performances. These concerts will feature regional musicians from both North and South Carolina and beyond. There will be an exhibit of Jazz quilts by SC fiber artist Dr. Marlene Linton O'Bryant-Seabrook. The quilt collection will be on display during the festival weekend.

Featured artist for the ticketed evening performance on Friday, October 19 at the Theatre on the Green is the Carlos Henriquez Octet with a Latin Side of Dizzy. Bassist Carlos Henriquez, a member of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, has been called "The most important Latin jazz artist in New York City today" by New York Latin Culture.

On Saturday, October 20, The South Carolina Jazz Masterworks Ensemble will perform at the Theatre. The ensemble is comprised of the most outstanding jazz musicians, soloists, and bandleaders from across South Carolina and into North Carolina. The group was created to perform an original American art form, Jazz, at the highest artistic level and is supported by the SC Jazz Foundation, which is dedicated to building a network of jazz and jazz education in SC.

Now this year will be a free afternoon concert at Old St. David's Episcopal Church featuring jazz guitarist Ames Hoffman Trio. North Carolina group Empire Strikes Brass and regional band A New Creation return to the festival. Jazz vocalist and bandleader Allyson Briggs with Fleur Seule and Moonshine Rhythm Club come to town and perform during our evening jazz.

Weekend activities include a free performance at Cheraw's Centennial Park by the 208th Army Band Jazz Combo, "Dizzy on Display" at the Southern African American Heritage Center, a Be-bop parade and evening jazz crawls. The Carl Payne Big Band will be featured at the Gillespie family's home church, Wesley United Methodist on Saturday afternoon. The SCETV video From the Be to Bop: The Musical Legacy of Dizzy Gillespie will be featured during the weekend. This is a free event for festival goers.

Art abounds during the weekend with "Jazzy" trees and the festival's 10th Italian Madonnari Chalk Competition. Market on Market returns with produce, food and more. Attendees can enjoy a self-guided Historic Cheraw Cell Phone Tour to over 25 points of interest, including Dizzy Gillespie related sites.

Tickets for a single evening concert at the Theatre on the Green are \$30 per person or a two day weekend ticket is \$50 per person. For more information call 843.537.8420 x12 or visit [scjazzfestival.com](http://scjazzfestival.com).

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