



Lineup announced for jazz and soul concerts

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Salem - The lineup for the Saturday afternoon Salem Jazz & Soul Festival concerts, which will be held on Saturday afternoons at Derby Square on Front Street, has been announced. The mini-concerts are all free and in the event of rain, they will be held inside The Gathering, 217 Essex St.

The schedule for the mini-concerts is as follows:

Saturday, June 9, 12:30-2:30 p.m.: The Rowen-Mele Duo featuring local jazz legends Marty Rowen, on keyboards and guitar, and Mike Mele, on guitar performing jazz standards, blues, and contemporary originals.

Saturday, July 14 12:30-4 p.m.: The Soul Sisters of Salem, featuring three outstanding women singers from the North Shore; Julie Dougherty, Erinn Brown, and Elaine O'Rourke.

Saturday, Aug. 11, 12:30-2:30 p.m.: The Tony Gallo Group, performing an afternoon of jazz, blues and soul.

These three mini-concerts will lead up to the Salem Jazz and Soul Festival on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 18 at the Salem Willows. The festival will be a free, family-friendly event that will feature a dynamic program of jazz, funk and soul performed by some of the hottest bands from Boston and the North Shore. The concert will run from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Proceeds from the festival will support music education in Salem public schools and cover the expenses for putting on the festival.