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## **JAZZ ARTS GROUP ANNOUNCES 2022 PBJ & JAZZ FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

Columbus, OH, May 3, 2022 - The beloved family series, ***PBJ & Jazz at the Topiary Park***, returns for another swingin' season this summer! Join the Jazz Arts Group at the downtown Topiary Park (480 East Town Street) for four free family oriented concerts at 12:00 p.m. on June 11, July 9, August 13, and September 10.

PBJ & Jazz concerts, founded by local educator Rebecca Ogden, are designed to introduce jazz and various styles of American music to young children and their families. These Jazz Arts Group programs are one hour long interactive concerts that encourage children to sing, dance, and learn about jazz alongside the adults in their lives.

Artists for the 2022 summer season include:

- ***Cedric Easton & Circle of Friends*** (June 11), a dynamic group of musicians bringing jazz standards to the dance floor led by drummer Cedric Easton.
- ***Largemouth Brass Band*** (July 9), this genre-bending ensemble is bringing down the house with all your favorite pop and jazz hits featuring a funky twist.
- ***Jeanette Williams Tribute*** (August 13), a celebration of music and friendship paying tribute to the Columbus jazz singer and performed by her friends, Thomas Carroll on guitar, Bobby Floyd on piano, Mary McClendon on voice, and Jim Rupp on Drums.
- ***PBJ & Jazz Big Band*** (September 10), the biggest band ever, is returning to the PBJ & Jazz stage to play more of your favorite songs.

***PBJ & Jazz at the Topiary Park*** is sponsored by Encova Insurance and presented in partnership with WCBE 90.5 FM, Friends of the Topiary Park, Columbus Metropolitan Library, and the Columbus Museum of Art.

PBJ & Jazz concerts follow a story time at 11:00 a.m. held in the main branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library. For the PBJ & Jazz program, guests are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch, blankets, and chairs to the Topiary Park. Following the concert, the Columbus Museum of Art is presenting a hands-on art activity beginning at 1:00 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather, all activities will be held inside the Columbus Metropolitan Library adjacent to the Topiary Park located at 96 South Grant Avenue.

**The Jazz Arts Group** is America's premier not-for-profit arts organization dedicated to producing, performing, and promoting jazz. Their mission is to advance and celebrate the art of jazz through performance and education and they hope for all to join them for their family summer series.

For more information about the Jazz Arts Group, visit [www.JazzArtsGroup.org](http://www.JazzArtsGroup.org). To learn more about PBJ & Jazz at the Topiary Park, visit [www.JazzArtsGroup.org/PBJ](http://www.JazzArtsGroup.org/PBJ), email us at [info@jazzartsgroup.org](mailto:info@jazzartsgroup.org), or call 614-294-5200 x 106.

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