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## **American Jazz Walk of Fame Celebrates 10th Anniversary**

With

**Spectacular Open House Event in Kansas City, Missouri**

**Historic 18<sup>th</sup> & Vine Jazz District**

**Kansas City, MO – April 15, 2024** – The Jazz District Renaissance Corporation is proud to announce the 10th-anniversary celebration of the **American Jazz Walk of Fame on June 8, 2024**, promising an unforgettable "**Open House**" experience. Held in the vibrant heart of Kansas City, Missouri, this milestone event invites all to experience a day filled with cultural immersion, musical delights, and celebratory inductions.

The event will see the doors of the 18<sup>th</sup> & Vine Jazz District flung wide open, welcoming visitors to engage in many choices of activities, exhibits, and specials. From captivating art displays to immersive cultural experiences, attendees will have the opportunity to explore and celebrate the rich tapestry of jazz heritage and beyond.

Highlighted features of the event include:

**Artists Avenue:** A showcase of artwork reflecting the rich tapestry of culture, music, and life, celebrating the diversity and creativity of the jazz community.

**Open Doors:** Esteemed institutions such as the Black Archives of Mid-America, KC Friends of Alvin Ailey, American Jazz Museum, Zhou Brothers Art Center, Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, Mutual Musicians Foundation, and others will open their doors, offering unique insights and experiences.

**Induction Ceremony:** The centerpiece of the festivities, the Induction Ceremony, will commence at 5:00 pm, honoring luminaries who have made significant contributions to the world of jazz. **This year's inductees include the legendary Roberta Flack, celebrated Patti Austin, and esteemed Bob James, a native of Marshall, Missouri.**

Following the Induction Ceremony, ticketed attendees will be treated to a sensational concert featuring the Grammy Award winning, incomparable talents of **Jose Feliciano** as the opening act, setting the stage for the unforgettable performance by the iconic **Patti Austin**.

In addition to the musical extravaganza, guests can indulge in special Open House menu offerings at The Juke House, and Soiree both presenting culinary delights inspired by the vibrant spirit of jazz.

This event is made possible through the generous support of our sponsors: the Missouri Division of Tourism, The City of Kansas City, The Neighborhood Tourism Development Fund, Lamar, and the American Jazz Museum.

"The American Jazz Walk of Fame has been a cornerstone of our community for the past decade, celebrating the rich history and cultural significance of jazz music," said Scott Smith, Board President of the Jazz District Renaissance Corporation, host organization of the event. "As we commemorate this milestone anniversary, we reflect on the profound impact the American Jazz Walk of Fame has had on our city and beyond, inspiring generations and fostering a deeper appreciation for the art form."

Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, former mayor of Kansas City and current congressman from Kansas City, Missouri, expressed his enthusiasm for the event, stating, "For more than thirty years, my vision has been to create a vibrant district featuring the best of Kansas City - music, culture, history, food, you name it...we've got it! The American Jazz Walk of Fame embodies this vision, showcasing the soulful essence of our city and paying homage to the legendary artists who have shaped our cultural landscape."

Attendance to the Open House event is free, offering a rare opportunity for all to participate in the celebration of jazz heritage, culture, art, dance and enterprise. Additionally, tickets for the concert portion of the evening are available for purchase on Eventbrite for \$70, offering music enthusiasts the chance to experience an unforgettable evening of live performances.

Join us as we celebrate a decade of jazz excellence and cultural enrichment at the American Jazz Walk of Fame's 10th-anniversary event. Let the rhythm of Kansas City's jazz legacy guide you on a journey of discovery and celebration.

For more information and to reserve your concert tickets, please visit [americanjazzwalkoffame.org](http://americanjazzwalkoffame.org).

**The Jazz District Renaissance Corporation** is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development of the historic 18th & Vine District as a premier destination. We seek to create a sustainable, economically strong cultural neighborhood for visitors and residents alike.

**The American Jazz Walk of Fame**, situated in the vibrant heart of the 18<sup>th</sup> & Vine Jazz District in Kansas City, Missouri, is dedicated to honoring the rich heritage and enduring legacy of jazz music and celebrates the contributions of jazz luminaries while inspiring future generations to embrace and perpetuate the art form.

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