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**MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS INVITED TO ENJOY WORLD-CLASS JAZZ at
GEORGE WEIN'S CAREFUSION JAZZ FESTIVAL 55**

***Discounted tickets made available for health care practitioners to attend
CareFusion's "Rhythm of Care" event***

Newport, RI, Aug. 3, 2009—New Festival Productions today announced that a discount on tickets for health care professionals to attend George Wein's CareFusion Jazz Festival 55 in Newport, R.I. August 7-9 is being donated by world famous jazz impresario and festival founder George Wein. Mr. Wein is generously providing the discount in support of CareFusion's "[Rhythm of Care](#)," which was created to make safer, more efficient health care a top priority for everyone.

"We are excited to recognize the contribution of health care workers who are making a difference in patient care within their communities," said George Wein. "We welcome them to join us for a day of jazz and help to support a worthy cause."

CareFusion's Rhythm of Care campaign has been designed to bring together organizations and people from health care to promote best practices that help save lives. As part of the campaign, nonprofit safety organizations will be honored as safety leaders for the steps they are taking to improve how care is delivered worldwide. The music festival series celebrates what jazz and the practice of medicine have in common: innovation, performance and change.

"Medical professionals are on the front line of providing top line patient care and safety," said David Schlotterbeck, chief executive officer of CareFusion, the sponsor of the festival. "We value their service as we celebrate the best in jazz and medicine at the first in our series of festival events. We'd like to thank George Wein for his support of this important cause."

How to secure a discounted ticket

To receive \$20 off a general admission ticket to George Wein's CareFusion Jazz Festival 55 at Fort Adams State Park, health care professionals should bring their medical identification when they purchase their ticket at the box office. There is a (4) four ticket limit per order. Not valid on previously purchased tickets. If you cannot join in person, sign up your hospital to receive live television broadcasts direct from Newport and the rest of the CareFusion Jazz Festival Series at <http://www.carefusionjazz.com/>.

About George Wein's CareFusion Jazz Festival 55

George Wein's CareFusion Jazz Festival 55 kicks off Friday, **August 7**, at **8:00 pm** with **Chaka Khan** in a jazz set with **the George Duke Trio** and the **Howard Alden/Anat Cohen Quartet** at the International Tennis Hall of Fame at the Newport Casino, 194 Bellevue. On Saturday, **August 8**, at Fort Adams State Park, at **11:30 am** don't miss **Mos Def & The Watermelon Syndicate**, **Branford Marsalis Quartet**; **Joshua Redman Double Trio**; **Esperanza Spalding**; **Cedar Walton All-Stars with Lew Tabackin & Curtis Fuller**; **Hiromi's SonicBloom**; **Vandermark 5**; **Jane Monheit**; **Christian McBride**; **Vijay Iyer Trio**; **Marsalis Music Presents Miguel Zenón Quartet**, **North Carolina Central Big Band**, **Branford Marsalis-Joey Calderazzo Duo** and **Claudia Acuña**.

The festival picks up again on Sunday, **August 9**, at **11:30 am** at Fort Adams with **Tony Bennett**; **Dave Brubeck Quartet**; **Roy Haynes Fountain of Youth Band**; **Michel Camilo**; **Joe Lovano UsFive**; **The Bad Plus with Wendy Lewis**; **James Carter Organ Trio**; **Conversations with Christian McBride**; **Steven Bernstein's Millennial Territory Orchestra**; **Brian Blade & The Fellowship Band**; **Rudresh Mahanthappa's Indo-Pak Coalition**; **Rashied Ali-Charles Gayle-William Parker's "By Any Means"**; **Alfredo Rodriguez**; **The Rodriguez Brothers** and **Roy Guzman Quintet**. Artists are subject to change.

Tickets are on sale now at www.jazzfestival55.com, by phone at (800) 514-3849 and by mail at George Wein's CareFusion Jazz Festival 55, PO BOX 3865, Newport, RI 02840. General Admission tickets (single-day passes only) can be purchased at the Visitor's Center at the Newport County Convention Center & Visitor's Bureau at 23 America's Cup Avenue. Tickets also can be purchased at the Festival office, located at 770 Aquidneck Avenue in Middletown, RI. For general information, craft vendor information or to leave a message for festival staff, call the festival hotline at (401) 848-5055.

For more information, please visit www.carefusionjazz.com, www.jazzfestival55.com and www.newfestivalproductions.com.

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