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COUNTING DOWN TO JAZZ ON THE GREEN™

Fort Myers, Florida (16 October, 2002) – In just a matter of days, Southwest Florida's premier jazz festival is set to take place at Miromar Lakes Beach and Golf Club in Estero. On Saturday, October 26th, concert-goers will be treated to an afternoon and evening of smooth jazz under the stars, as Jazz On The Green, Inc.™ welcomes a stellar cast of internationally-renown artists, including saxophonist Kirk Whalum, keyboardist Brian Culbertson, flutist Nestor Torres; and guitarist Joyce Cooling.

Jazz On The Green is produced by Professionals Organized for Leadership and Opportunity (P.O.L.O. Club of Lee County). It is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization that has contributed more than \$200,000 to The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. The event features a children's play area, upscale food vendors, beverage sales, merchandise sales and autograph signings by the performers. Giant video screens enable the crowd to view the action from any vantage point. Gates open at 3 p.m. The event begins at 4 p.m. Parking will be at the Miromar Outlets, with shuttle service to the concert site. Tickets prices are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the gate, and include parking.

Chairman William A. Taylor anticipates topping last year's donation to The Children's Hospital. "We are pleased about our new location and the sponsorship from Miromar Lakes Beach and Golf Club and Miromar Outlets. Moving to this new venue has opened the festival up to a larger audience, which helps draw even more sponsors. It all adds up to more money for the kids, and we are grateful for that," says Taylor.

Tickets are available through the Website, www.JazzOnTheGreen.com, or at local outlets such as Atlantic States Bank, Blue Pepper Gourmet Market & Deli, Bright Ideas Gift Shop at Lee Memorial HealthPark, Clear Channel Radio Stations, Coral Tree Gift Shop at Cape Coral Hospital, Miromar Outlets Mall Office, Music For Less, Shell Food Marts (select locations). The cut-off for purchasing tickets at the local outlets is noon on Friday, October 25th.

Plan on a full afternoon and evening of fun and cool jazz entertainment! Remember that Jazz On The Green is one of the only festivals that still allows you to bring in small coolers. You'll even find a party planner checklist at www.JazzOnTheGreen.com, so you will be sure to have everything you need for a completely satisfying jazz experience.

The official website, www.JazzOnTheGreen.com, is an interactive site where interested fans, sponsors and volunteers can obtain and submit information. The Jazz Hotline phone number is (239) 477-4683.