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The Seventh Annual Jazz on the Green, to benefit The Children's Hospital of SW Florida has announced both its lineup of artists for the 2002 concert and a new location for SW Florida's premier jazz festival.

Jazz on the Green 2002, will take place at Miromar Lakes Beach and Golf Club in Estero, FL, on Saturday, October 26th, from 4 - 11 p.m. Miromar Lakes, a new community located near Florida Gulf Coast University, TECO Arena and The Miromar Outlet Stores, is hosting the event on its beautiful driving range.

Attendees will be treated to an afternoon and evening of smooth jazz under the stars, as Southwest Florida welcomes a stellar cast of internationally-renown artists, including: **Guitarist Joyce Cooling**, a recent *National Smooth Jazz Awards* nominee in the Best Guitarist and Best Female Performer categories, will open the show. Her most recent release, "Third Wish," is topping the smooth jazz charts. She will be followed by **Latin Grammy winner, flutist Nestor Torres**. Look for Nestor's latest release coming this summer! Next on the Jazz on the Green stage will be *2002 National Smooth Jazz Awards Keyboard Player of the Year, Brian Culbertson*. Rounding out this all-star lineup will be the **Grammy Nominee, saxophonist Kirk Whalum**, also a nominee for the *2002 Saxophonist of the Year* at this year's *National Smooth Jazz Awards*. Kirk will be accompanied by his brother Kevin, on vocals. Kirk Whalum and Brian Culbertson, who collaborated on a song from Brian's recent release, "Nice and Slow," may join for a jam session at the end of the evening's show!

Jazz on the Green, Inc., is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization which, in its 6 and 1/2 year history, 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 3pm. The event begins at 4pm. Parking will be at the Miromar Outlet Shops and tickets are available at the official Jazz on the Green website. Ticket prices are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the gate, and will include the cost of parking.

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