

## MUSIC

## Jazzy commemorative suite has 'Motown Mosaic'

The Jeff Haas Trio & Friends will celebrate Detroit's 300th anniversary with a performance at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9.

The trio featuring Chuck Hall on bass and Alex Trujano on drums, with legendary trumpeter Marcus Belgrave and multi-instrumentalist Rob Smith will perform an evening of original music including the premiere of Haas' new jazz suite, *Motown Mosaic*.

The suite was commissioned for the Detroit 300 Celebration. Haas began composing this commissioned work last year and has been rehearsing the 40-minute work with his band for

the past two months.

"With *Motown Mosaic*, the music broadens in scope to include a variety of ethnic influences that are a part of today's Motor City vibe - Eastern European, Middle Eastern, African American and Hispanic all in a contemporary improvisational context," said Haas.

"It's a more traditional style of suite in terms of structure, based in dance forms with recurring melodic motifs. But a lot of the music is contemporary, sometimes edgy. Add the intensity and soul of these musicians and you definitely have a musical celebration."

## Clinic

Haas' trio with Belgrave and Smith will also conduct a free clinic at the Museum of African American History for elementary and middle school students 2-3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8.

The group will perform several of Haas' compositions and talk about using music to promote understanding between people. There is no charge for the Aug. 9 concert, but reservations are necessary. Call (313) 494-6800.

For reservations for the Aug. 8 music clinic, call Jane McGee (313) 494-5820.

The Museum of African American History is at 316 East Warren in Detroit.



**Featured musician:** Marcus Belgrave will perform with the Jeff Haas Trio & Friends, and help conduct a clinic for young musicians, at the Museum of African American History.

## Play tells story of Woody Guthrie's life

Woody Guthrie he's not, but Bruce Liles does his best to help people imagine they're hearing Guthrie himself during a one-man play that tells the story of his life.

"His songs were great, but he said a lot of interesting things too," said Liles. "He was a true American folk hero, and very much an activist."

With words and music, Liles will introduce the Guthrie he has come to know during a one-

man show 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Detroit.

"I read as many books about and by Woody Guthrie as I could," said Liles. "It took six months to find stories from his life to tell."

There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be taken. Half the proceeds will benefit the Guthrie in people who are seeking to preserve their cul-

ture by opposing oil drilling in Alaska's Arctic national Wildlife Refuge. A portion of the proceeds will also benefit the Woody Guthrie Foundation. St. Peter's Episcopal Church is at the corner of Michigan Avenue and

Trumbull, across from the old Tiger Stadium.

Refreshments will be served on the church lawn beginning at 6:30 p.m. weather permitting. Call (313) 849-1049 for information.



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This inaugural showcase will feature special guests, including Blue from "Blues Clues," dancers, clowns, jugglers, magicians and face painters. Local celebrities will also be flipping pancakes at a morning breakfast, with all proceeds benefiting the Children's Charities Coalition.

Plus, the morning's focus on safety will include expert demonstrations and interactive displays from Ford's "Boost America!" educating parents on the proper use of booster seats for children ages 4-8. "Kids Care" fingerprinting stations will also be on-site as back-to-school time reminds us of the importance of child identification.

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## Contest Rules...

1. Contest is open to all children of any age
2. There will be 70 winners selected
3. Winners will be contacted on Tuesday, August 14, 2001
4. Winners must be at the event in Shain Park and in line for photo with Blue at 9:45 a.m. August 18
5. The winner will be photographed with BLUE
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