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JEFF BORDES & HIS CARIBBEAN JAZZ ALL-STARS IN CONCERT AT THE FIREHOUSE ARTS CENTER

Returning Jazz Trumpeter Jeff Bordes to Share the Stage with Acclaimed Caribbean Steel Pan Musician for One Night Only

PLEASANTON, Calif. — The City of Pleasanton’s Firehouse Arts Center today announced an upcoming concert starring Jeff Bordes & His Caribbean Jazz All-Stars. Audiences are invited to beat the summer heat and enjoy a night of cool Caribbean Jazz on Saturday, July 24, at 8:00pm.

Firehouse favorite and world-class jazz trumpeter, Jeff Bordes, will team up with Duvone Dwayne Stewart, one of the hottest steel pan players from Trinidad and Tobago, for one night only at Pleasanton’s Firehouse Arts Center.

“We are so excited to return to the stage to perform for an audience!” said Jeff Bordes. “And for me, there's no better place than the Firehouse Arts Center for this homecoming. When thinking about the perfect soundtrack for a celebration of live music (including the rush and emotions we feel when performing for our audiences), I instantly start feeling like the first day of vacation, and the first moment your feet touch the sand of a beach in the Caribbean.”

In June 2021, the Firehouse Arts Center once again began hosting in-person shows to limited capacity audiences. This concert will be the theater’s first live show at full capacity since reopening its doors to the public. The Firehouse is excited to begin offering shows at full capacity because it means providing more patrons with the opportunity to experience the amazing live performances coming this summer, as well as exposing greater audiences to the many exceptionally gifted and renowned artists who will grace the stage. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org/events.

Jeff Bordes has been performing at the Firehouse Arts Center annually for the last seven years to sold-out audiences. A homegrown star, Bordes started playing trumpet as a teenager right here in Pleasanton, and later going off to attend the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston. As a performer, Jeff has shared the stage with jazz and pop icons alike. His jazzy holiday revues, and tribute shows to jazz icons such as Dizzie, Louis, Miles, and Ella, have been reoccurring fan favorites over the years. Firehouse audiences are in for a new and special treat in this incarnation of the popular Jeff Bordes & Friends concerts. Sharing the stage with Bordes is Stewart, an incredibly talented musician, pannist, composer, and steelpan arranger.

Born in 1976 on the beautiful island of Tobago (the smaller of two islands that make up the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago), Stewart studied music at the early age of 6 and began performing to live audiences just two years later. Stewart began touring other Caribbean islands in his teens, and at 18, he moved to Trinidad to begin his journey to master the art of steel pan, studying and performing with some of the greatest regional musicians. By 24, Stewart was arranging and touring Europe and North America with his six-piece steel ensemble, NFM Pantasy. Stewart would go on to compose, arrange and perform with a long list of band leaders and soloists across the globe.

Bordes added, “Just like going on vacation, performing live in front of our audiences is like an escape for me, an escape from our day-to-day, a 90-minute ride of passion and emotional release. We have a very special evening planned for the Firehouse, with an amazing group of musicians. We look forward to bringing our jazz version of the Caribbean to Pleasanton on the 24th!”

The Firehouse Arts Center is owned and operated by the City of Pleasanton, and dedicated to inspiring passion through the arts. The center is comprised of the 227-seat Firehouse Theater, the 2000 square foot Harrington Gallery, classrooms and rehearsal space, the grand atrium lobby, and the famous interior glass bridge. With world-class performing and visual arts, exciting interactive programs for all ages, and a state-of-the-art venue which opened in 2010, we combine the sophistication of the culturally rich Bay Area arts landscape with the hospitality and intimacy of our own home town. The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

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