

## **Media Advisory – June 5, 2009**

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### **Music on the Plaza returns with local artists**

The popular weekday Music on the Plaza series will return July 15 with some African reggae and funk during the lunch hour.

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon announced the schedule Friday for the free Wednesday afternoon summer concerts at the Snohomish County campus amphitheater, located at Rockefeller Avenue and Wall Street. All concerts begin at 11:30 a.m.

The fifth annual Music on the Plaza Concert series features local artists and is presented by the county's Executive Office in conjunction with the Snohomish County Arts Commission.

"The summer concerts are a great way to relax, enjoy a cultural experience and connect with the community," Reardon said. "They're an important part of the arts in Snohomish County that our citizens, businesses and visitors have come to expect."

The Spirit of Ojah will stir up fire and soul as the band opens the series with their brand of Ghanaian Soukous and reggae music on July 15. Other concerts will feature Dyno Jamz, the recent winners of the Experience Music Project Sound-Off, and the high-energy blues of the Jelly Rollers.

Fresh flowers from local Hmong growers as well as kettle corn, burgers and brats from the Comcast Arena Grill will be available for sale. The lunchtime concerts will run through Aug. 19.

Below is a complete schedule:

#### **Snohomish County Campus 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Wednesdays**

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| <b>July 15</b>   | <b>Spirit of Ojah</b><br><i>Reggae Afro Funk</i>                                 |
| <b>July 22</b>   | <b>The Jelly Rollers</b><br><i>Blues</i>   |
| <b>July 29</b>   | <b>Grupo Ashe</b><br><i>Contemporary Cuban and Salsa</i>                         |
| <b>August 5</b>  | <b>Native American Celebration</b><br><i>Native arts, crafts, music and more</i> |
| <b>August 12</b> | <b>Dyno Jamz</b>   |

**August 19** *Winner of the 2009 EMP Sound-off*  
**The Northwest Jazz Collective**  
*Traditional and Contemporary Jazz*

For more information on the series, contact Wendy Becker, cultural and economic development officer, at 425-388-3186 or go to [www.snohomishcountyarts.org](http://www.snohomishcountyarts.org).

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