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**BRADLEY FAIR ANNOUNCES SUMMER JAZZ CONCERT LINE-UP**  
**Center Welcomes Guests to 17<sup>th</sup> Year of Free Outdoor Concerts**

(Wichita, KS) – For the 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the Bradley Fair Summer Concerts will help people *stretch the weekends* with Thursday night concerts. Concert guests can make the most of their weekends by starting with Thursday evenings at Bradley Fair. Guests will hear national and regional Jazz musicians while enjoying the beautiful venue overlooking Bradley Fair Lake. This season features five musical performances.

Co-sponsored by B98-FM and iHeart Media, the concerts will be held June 2 - 30, 2016. At the June 30<sup>th</sup> concert we will *Celebrate America* with a spectacular fireworks display following the concert. The concerts are held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on the Bradley Fair Plaza. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs for seating. Soft drinks and cocktails by Newport Grill are available for purchase at the concerts.

**June 2**      **Joseph Vincelli** – Joseph Vincelli, a Bradley Fair favorite, returns by popular demand. Vincelli, a native of New Jersey, has a sincere passion towards music. It was during his studies in Boston at prestigious Berklee College of Music that he learned a deep appreciation for the art of improvisation. Vincelli's ability to create music from an array of sources sets him apart from other smooth jazz artists. Vincelli has recorded fourteen CDs and a DVD over the last eighteen years. His newest CD, *The Invitation*, features many new songs as well collaborations with pianist, Joel McCray. Vincelli's diversity with the art of music has brought him the honor of the Scott Joplin Award for achievement. He was also named to the 2000 Hall of Fame at the Clearwater Jazz Holiday Festival. For more information, visit [josephvincelli.com](http://josephvincelli.com)

**June 9**      **Jackiem Joyner** - As a young turk on the contemporary jazz scene, saxophonist Jackiem Joyner is far from complacent in his sound and style. Not afraid to challenge the fan base, he has hit No. 1 twice and Top 3 twice on the Billboard chart. Joyner gets adventurous on his fifth album, *Evolve*. It's his first on which he wrote and produced the entire set, including the up-tempo urban-pop tracks with vibrant flashes of strings that provide a contrast to Joyner's gentle melodic sax.

In addition to playing alto and soprano sax, Joyner is a multi-instrumentalist who played many instruments along with a couple of high-profile assists from Grammy-nominated sax player Gerald Albright and internationally-renowned keyboardist Keiko Matsui. Joyner was named Debut Artist of the Year for his 2007 debut, *Babysoul* by Smooth Jazz News. His sophomore set, *Lil' Man Soul* registered a pair of No. 1 Billboard hits. Two singles from Joyner's self-titled third record climbed into Billboard's Contemporary Jazz Songs Top 3. For more information, visit [jackiemjoyner.com](http://jackiemjoyner.com)

**June 16**      **Special EFX** - Few bands in contemporary jazz have been as entertaining and artistically satisfying as Special EFX. Spearheaded by guitarist Chieli Minucci and co-founded by the late percussionist George Jinda in 1983, Special EFX helped to pave the road for contemporary jazz during its early years in the 1980s and they continue to set the standard. Chieli Minucci was born in New York City and grew up in nearby Forest Hills, Queens, where he still resides. His father, a concert pianist in Italy and a successful composer whose songs were sung by Nat King Cole, Bing Crosby and Julius LaRosa, introduced him to the piano at age six and encouraged him to become a composer.

The in-demand New York born and raised Minucci has been the first call for such iconic stars as Celine Dion, Lionel Richie, Jennifer Lopez, Jewel, Mark Anthony, Jessica Simpson, Anastasia and others, as well as jazz/pop artists Bobby Caldwell, Marion Meadows, Jay Beckenstein, Kim Waters, Alex Bugnon and Gerald Veasley. Chieli has earned 10 Emmy Award nominations and 3 wins for his music on the long-running NBC daytime drama "The Guiding Light." He has also been the main producer for Universal Music's Gotham Music Library, having written and recorded over 100 CDs. For more information, visit [chielimusic.com](http://chielimusic.com)

**June 23**      **Elan Trotman & Althea Rene** - Quickly becoming one of jazz's most thrilling and emotive performers, Elan Trotman continues to stand out and push boundaries as a composer, performer, teacher and recording artist. Trotman's playing displays his own fresh ideas and distinctive tone. So much so that the New England Urban Music Awards named him best male jazz performer, and he's been nominated for Boston Music Awards in the jazz category. Born and raised in Barbados, and educated at the world-renowned Berklee College of Music in Boston, Trotman approaches jazz in his own way. Blending Caribbean rhythms from his roots with skillful horn textures, his playing is full of surprises. For more information, visit [elantrotman.com](http://elantrotman.com)

Althea René was born in Detroit, Michigan and began her musical journey at the tender age of four. She studied classical music while attending Howard University in Washington D.C. and later gained further musical inspiration from the accomplishments of Yusef Lateef, Ian Anderson, and her father, one of Motown's original Funk Brothers, Dezie McCullers. She has since developed her own creative style.

For more than 10 years she was employed as a Wayne County Deputy Sheriff in Detroit, Michigan. Today, she is a full-time performing/recording artist and some regard her as a "master of her craft" and one of the world's most exciting solo improvisational flutists. She made history by becoming the first flute player in the history of Billboard Chart to reach the number one spot. For more information, visit [althearene.com](http://althearene.com)

**June 30**      **Celebrate America Concert and Fireworks**

**Lin Rountree** - Soul-jazz trumpeter, Lin Rountree's playing is best described as soulful and funky. He is an accomplished recording artist, producer and live performer. Lin began playing the trumpet in Alexandria VA., when he was just 11 years old and frequently attended music development programs at The Duke Ellington School for performing arts in Washington, D.C. Upon his graduation from high school, Lin was recruited into the music program at Florida A&M University. He gained international attention after appearing in the Whitney Houston hit film *Sparkle* in 2012.

His fifth studio CD, aptly named *Soulfunky*, is a 12 song, self-produced collection featuring some of the hottest musicians and producers in the business. With five solo projects, twelve Top 20 Billboard singles, and numerous collaborations with some of the industry's top R&B/Contemporary Jazz artists to his credit he is poised to be one of the most renowned artists of his generation. For more information, visit [linroutreemusic.com](http://linroutreemusic.com)

**Following the June 30<sup>th</sup> concert, we will light the skies with a spectacular fireworks display to Celebrate America. A printable summer concert schedule can be found at [bradleyfair.com](http://bradleyfair.com).**