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# MONTGOMERY *Smooth* JAZZ FEST 2023



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*City of* **Montgomery, Alabama**

August 7, 2023

Greetings!

As Mayor of the City of Montgomery, I would like to personally welcome you to the Montgomery Smooth Jazz Festival. With a rich musical heritage, Montgomery has always been a stage for the state, region and nation. Since its inception, the Montgomery Smooth Jazz Festival's roster has consisted of exceptionally talented national and international artists.

I am excited to celebrate our musical heritage with you. This year's amazing line-up includes Eric Essix, Pablo Batista, Gerald Veasley, Donald Robinson, Bill Jolly, Kirk Whalum, Jonathan Butler, Marion Meadows, Miki Howard, Angela Winbush, Stokely, Musiq Soulchild, The Whispers and so many more. What a celebration!

I'd like to thank the Empowerment Group, the Cultural Affairs Department, the Montgomery Police Department, Fire & Rescue, Public Works, General Services and every city department responsible for making this weekend one that we'll remember. Montgomery is such a wonderful community in so many ways, and I encourage you to experience as much of it as you can while you are here.

Enjoy the great vendors, the great music and the great atmosphere. Thank you for being here. Welcome to the Montgomery Smooth Jazz Festival.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Reed



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Daniel Harris, Jr. District 1  
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September 22, 2023

Greetings!

On behalf of the Montgomery County Commission and the more than 227,000 citizens we represent, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Montgomery Smooth Jazz Festival. We are thrilled to have you here in our beautiful County!

While you are visiting, we invite you to explore all the county has to offer. Montgomery hosts many historical sites including The National Memorial for Peace and Justice, The Legacy Museum, Rosa Parks Library & Museum, Civil Rights Memorial & Center, Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, Museum of Alabama and Old Alabama Town.

We also suggest you take a trip to the new Montgomery Whitewater facility, the nation's premier outdoor recreation center only a few blocks from downtown!

Again, welcome to Montgomery County. It is an honor to have you here. We hope you enjoy your stay and are quick to visit us again!

Warmest Regards,

Carmen Moore-Zeigler  
Commissioner, District 2

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FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 22



ERIC ESSIX (5:00PM)  
ALEX BUGNON & MARION MEADOWS (6:30PM)  
RAHEEM DEVAUGHN (7:30PM)  
MUSIQ SOULCHILD (8:45PM)  
THE WHISPERS (10:00PM)

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# SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23



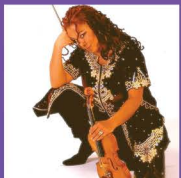
KIM SCOTT (1:00PM)



**SPECIAL EFX ALLSTARS FEATURING**  
CHIELI MINUCCI, ELLIOTT YAMIN, KAREN  
BRIGGS, LAO TIZER, ERIC MARIENTHAL, BRIAN  
BROMBERG & GENE COYE (2:30PM)



MIKI HOWARD (4:00PM)



JONATHAN BUTLER (5:30PM)

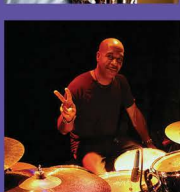


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FEATURING KIRK WHALUM & EVERETTE HARP,  
BILL JOLLY, GERALD VEASLEY, BILLY  
JOHNSON, PABLO BATISTA & DONALD  
ROBINSON (7:00PM)

ANGELA WINBUSH (8:30PM)



STOKLEY (9:45PM)







## NIGHTTIME IS THE RIGHT TIME TO EXPERIENCE MONTGOMERY'S BAR AND LOUNGE SCENE

From downtown's newest hotspots like rooftop gem Bar Attico and swanky 23 Court to Midtown's eclectic Leroy and neighborhood watering hole, The Gin on the Eastside, Montgomery's night is yours for the making.



### TAP QUEST

Build lasting friendships over a few shared pints at **Common Bond Brews** where great beer is being made! Montgomery has so many unique spots to grab a beer from the german inspired **Goat Haus Biergarten** to **Tower Taprooms** self-pour wall and neighborhood spots like **Hilltop Public House** and **Dino's**. Don't forget to check out **Aviator Bar** which is decorated with model airplanes to salute our local military connection.



### WINE & DINE

Enjoy the sophisticated side of Montgomery's nightlife at **TASTE** or **TASTE Too** wine bars where you can explore flights or ask a knowledgeable server to pick out the perfect 'taste' for you! The area's local fine dining scene from downtown's **Central** and **Ravello** to the eastside's **City Grill** and **La Jolla** has incredible selections that pair perfectly with their mouth watering dishes to create a truly unique dining experience.



### CENTER STAGE

**Hank Williams** and **Nat King Cole** didn't call Montgomery home for nothing! The Capital City has everything from local jazz spots like **Lower Lounge** and **BBKings** to casual & cool hotspots where local artists frequent such as **The Sanctuary** and **The Statesmen** or **Range 231**, just outside of Montgomery. Live music is easy to find throughout the city.



### BREWS WITH VIEWS

There's nothing like an ice-cold beer or cocktail outside in the South! Relax along the river and catch a sunset and tunes at **Red Bluff Bar** at the **Silos** or Montgomery's new downtown rooftop spots, **Bar Attico** and **Waterworks Montgomery**. Out east, you can enjoy a backyard vibe with the whole family at **The Tipping Point**. Or try the many patios perfect for that kicked back feel.







#### The Legacy Pavilion

400 N Court St

334-386-3100

[museumandmemorial.eji.org/visit](http://museumandmemorial.eji.org/visit)

Pavilion includes exhibitions that help visitors reflect on and engage with an often-overlooked history that has shaped Montgomery and the country as a whole. The space includes a welcome center, ticket office, gift shop, cafe, a new Southern cuisine restaurant from two award-winning local chefs, and free parking for visitors. Bookstore Open Wed – Sun.



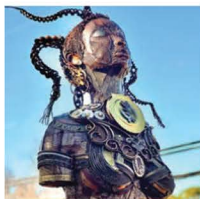
#### The Legacy Museum

400 N Court St

334-269-1803

[museumandmemorial.eji.org/museum](http://museumandmemorial.eji.org/museum)

The Museum contains high-tech exhibits, artifacts, recordings, and films, as well as comprehensive data and information on lynching and racial segregation. The museum connects the history of racial inequality with contemporary issues of mass incarceration, excessive punishment, and police violence. Admission charge. Call for schedule.



#### The Mother's of Gynecology Park

17 Mildred St

[anarchalucybetsey.org](http://anarchalucybetsey.org)

View local artist Michelle Browder's latest monument she and fellow artists created to honor the stories of three enslaved Black women: Anarcha, Betsey, and Lucy, who were unwilling subjects of physician J. Marion Sims' experiments in the 1840s.



#### The National Memorial for Peace and Justice

417 Caroline St

334-269-1803

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The Memorial sits on six acres of land in Montgomery and is the nation's first national memorial to victims of lynching. The massive structure contains the names of over 4,000 lynching victims engraved on concrete columns representing each county in the United States where racial terror lynchings took place. Counties across the country are invited to retrieve duplicate columns with the names of each county's lynching victims to be placed in their county. Admission charge. Call for schedule.

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#### JUSTICE FOR ALL: THE LEGACY MUSEUM & NATIONAL MEMORIAL FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Memorial, located on a six-acre park, is a sacred space for reflection on racial terrorism in America, and the Museum, located close by, uses interactive media, sculpture, film, and exhibits to immerse and educate visitors.

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