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**25th Anniversary Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival Announces Kickoff Event
“A Jazz at Sunset Affair on the Potomac” at Piney Point Lighthouse Museum**

LEONARDTOWN, MD – The Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival, a premier Mid-Atlantic jazz event, is thrilled to announce “*A Jazz at Sunset Affair on the Potomac*” at Piney Point Lighthouse as the kickoff event for this year’s four day 25th anniversary festival.

Visitors are invited to an elegant evening at Piney Point Lighthouse. Imagine strolling along the beach at sunset, a gentle breeze carrying the sounds of incredible live jazz by Higher Standards. Sip handcrafted cocktails on the porch of the historic Lighthouse Keepers Quarters or climb the lighthouse itself for breathtaking panoramic views. The grounds will be bathed in silver and candlelight, creating a magical ambiance for this unforgettable night.

Indulge in delectable seafood and heavy hors d'oeuvres while enjoying complimentary wine from local wineries. This intimate event offers a unique experience, combining the charm of a waterfront setting with the sophistication of live jazz.

Be part of something special: This exclusive fundraiser supports the St. Mary's County Museums, helping preserve local history and fund vital educational programs in Southern Maryland. Tickets are \$85 per person or \$160 per couple (21 and older only). Your ticket includes delicious food, live music, two complimentary glasses of wine, and more. Don't miss this chance to celebrate, connect and support a great cause! Book your tickets now before they sell out!

The festival continues through Sunday with lots of special events. Festival highlights include:

Friday, July 11 (5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.): “Artful Harmonies: A Plein Air Celebration” at St. Clement's Island Museum. Artists can capture the beauty of the museum grounds for \$10 per artist. Later that evening, a free “Jazz in the Neighborhood” concert will take place on the museum lawn, headlined by the sensational U.S. Navy Band, The Commodores, with a special opening performance by the St. Mary’s Ryken Jazz Band. Food trucks and vendors will be on site.

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Saturday, July 12 (12 p.m. – 7 p.m.): The Main Event at St. Clement's Island Museum features performances by Casual Groove, Rebecca Jade, Andréa Lisa, and Chelsey Green. Enjoy a wide selection of seafood and Southern Maryland cuisine, shop at jazzy vendor booths, and take a free water taxi to St. Clement's Island. Free admission to the museum is included. Tickets are \$75 for general admission and \$95 for VIP.

Sunday, July 13 (11 a.m. – 1 p.m.): Enjoy a delightful jazz brunch & optional golf experience at the scenic Riverview Restaurant at Wicomico Shores Golf Course featuring live jazz music and great food. Tickets are \$50 per person / \$90 per couple.

Sunday, July 13 (various times during the day): Enhance your festival experience with a two-hour jazz cruise on the Potomac. Three exclusive cruises will depart from St. Clement's Island Museum, each featuring unique food, beverages, and live music by Sax Appeal. Tickets are \$85 per person, with only 15 spots available per cruise

Tickets and Information

General admission, VIP tickets, tickets to all events, including the jazz cruise, are available at www.PotomacJazzFest.com. Stay updated on festival details by following the event's Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/SCIMuseum/events

About the Festival

Proceeds from the Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival support the Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums in their mission to preserve and promote St. Mary's County's historical sites. Major partners include the Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums, the St. Mary's County Museum Division, the St. Mary's County Arts Council, and other partner organizations.

About the St. Mary's County Museum Division

The St. Mary's County Museum Division was established by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to collect, preserve, research, and interpret the historic sites and artifacts which illustrate the natural and cultural histories of St. Mary's County and the Potomac River. These sites include St. Clement's Island Museum, Piney Point Lighthouse Museum, the Old Jail Museum, and the Drayden African American Schoolhouse. With this as its charter, the Museum Division serves as a resource, liaison, and community advocate for all St. Mary's County public and private cultural assets. For more information, please visit: museums.stmarysmd.com.

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