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**MetroWest's JazzFest Attracted Record-Breaking Crowd to Experience National Jazz Artists**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Annual, Free Community Event Also Launched MetroWest's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*

**ORLANDO, FL (May 5, 2016)** - MetroWest hosted their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual JazzFest on Sunday, May 1 at the MetroWest Golf Club. This free, family event attracted a record-breaking crowd of 3,500 people that enjoyed a relaxing, sunny afternoon filled with the jazz stylings of nationally known jazz musicians at the MetroWest Golf Club. The event also kicked off MetroWest's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration by revealing its commemorative logo (attached.) The celebration will continue throughout 2016 as long-term residents and businesses are recognized and commemorative promotional items are distributed.

The nationally recognized individual, contemporary jazz talents of Jeff Kashiwa (saxophone), Matt Marshak (guitar) and Brian Simpson (keyboard) provided top-notch musical entertainment throughout the event. In addition to amazing music, this free community event also featured local artists displaying their available artwork and delicious food options available from the MetroWest Golf Club grill and several food vendors.

The event even highlighted community talent and resources inkling Valencia College and the Edgewood Children's Ranch. A trio from the Valencia College East Campus Music Department performed in between headliner sessions. The trio performing were Ryan Devlin (sax), Francheska Mitchell (vocal) and John Olearchick (keyboard). They were so professional that the headliner's backup guitarist and drummer even joined in! Attendees at the event also donated \$350 to the Edgewood Children's Ranch, a nonprofit, residential program helping children, teens and their families address behavioral issues. Additional donations of \$150 by the Observer Media Group and \$258 by Kona Ice, who contributed 25% of their event proceeds brought the total collected for the Edgewood Children's Ranch to \$758.

"MetroWest's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual JazzFest not only connected our community through music, it was also a great way to kick-off MetroWest's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration," said Julie Sanchez, General Manager, MetroWest Master Association. "Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event. We look forward to continuing to celebrate our community's milestone anniversary throughout 2016."

**Photos attached include:**

- Jazz guitarist Matt Marshak wowed the crowd as he performed among them at Sunday's MetroWest JazzFest.
- Jazz keyboardist, Brian Simpson, and Jazz saxophonist extraordinaire, Jeff Kashiwa, performed for 3,500 people at the MetroWest JazzFest on Sunday.
- The jazz stylings of nationally known jazz musicians, Brian Simpson on keyboard and Jeff Kashiwa on the saxophone, entertained the crowd of 3,500 at the MetroWest Golf Club.
- Pinot's Pallet created original artwork commemorating MetroWest's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during the MetroWest JazzFest.
- A young JazzFest attendee got her face painted at the MetroWest JazzFest.

- A public safety officer offers a balloon to a young attendee of the MetroWest JazzFest.
- The MetroWest Master Association (MWMA) presented MetroWest Elementary School with a check for \$5,000. *(Pictured left to right are Madeleine Francois - MWMA, Julie Sanchez - MWMA Community Manager, Jim Drayton - MWMA Board President, Christine Szymanski - Principal of MetroWest Elementary, Francine Burruezo - MetroWest Golf Club and Stina D'Uva- MWMA Board Secretary.)*

***About MetroWest***

MetroWest, developed in 1986, is one of Orlando's first master-planned communities and features award-winning landscaping and MetroWest Golf Club, as well as all "A" public schools, Valencia College campus and convenient access to both I-4 and 408 from the West side of Orlando. MetroWest offers a community lifestyle with neighborhood businesses and outdoor recreation options. The diverse community is complemented by a range of living options, from single-family homes of all sizes to apartments and condominiums. For more information, please visit [www.metrowestcommunity.com](http://www.metrowestcommunity.com).

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