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BAYOU CITY MUSIC SERIES CONTINUES THIS FALL WITH CONCERTS AT BUFFALO BAYOU PARK, DISCOVERY GREEN® AND EMANCIPATION PARK

HOUSTON, TX — The Bayou City Music Series resumes this fall with free performances at *Discovery Green*, Emancipation Park and The Water Works in Buffalo Bayou Park. The concert series, made possible by the Kinder Foundation, honors the great jazz, blues and zydeco musicians of Houston.

The fall series kicks off with “**The Soundtrack of the Gulf**” at **The Water Works in Buffalo Bayou Park** on **Saturday, Sept. 15**. The great zydeco accordionist C.J. Chenier—son of the “King of Zydeco” Clifton Chenier—headlines this concert, which features opening performances by vocalist Annika Chambers, an

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Iraq war veteran whose powerful voice blurs lines between jazz and blues, and Archie Bell, former lead singer of Archie Bell & The Drells, whose early funk single “Tighten Up” topped Billboard’s R&B and pop charts in 1968.

On **Saturday, Oct. 13**, the series continues with “**Jazz in the Tre**” at **Emancipation Park**. Acclaimed jazz pianist and composer Jason Moran headlines this concert. Moran, who grew up in Houston’s Third Ward, is Artistic Director for Jazz at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. and a 2010 MacArthur Fellow. Students from the jazz program at Moran’s alma mater, the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA), will open, along with Horace Grigsby, a legendary Houston jazz vocalist who performs in the style of Billy Erskine and Nat Cole.

The series closes with an ode to “**Houston Blues, Jazz and Soul**” at **Discovery Green** on **Saturday, Nov. 10**. Houston native James Francies headlines this closing performance. At just 22 years old, Francies is considered one of the premiere pianists of his generation; he has already played alongside numerous jazz greats and frequently appears with the Roots on the Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon. He will perform music from his in-progress debut album for the legendary Blue Note Record Label. Opening for Francies is singer-songwriter Diunna Greenleaf, an internationally recognized powerhouse vocalist who learned gospel and blues from her father.

The concert is one of *Discovery Green’s* fall ‘Celebration Events,’ hosted in recognition of the park’s 10th anniversary.

The events at Buffalo Bayou Park and Emancipation Park will include a market featuring local vendors with original products. The market will open at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15 and Saturday, Oct. 13.

Event Details

WHAT: Bayou City Music Series: C.J. Chenier, Archie Bell, Annika Chambers

Saturday, Sept. 15

Market opens at 6 p.m.

Concert from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

The Water Works in Buffalo Bayou Park, 105 Sabine Street, Houston, TX 77007

Bayou City Music Series: Jason Moran, Horace Grigsby, HSPVA Jazz Band

Saturday, Oct. 13

Market opens at 6 p.m.

Concert from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Emancipation Park, 3018 Emancipation Avenue, Houston, TX 77010

Bayou City Music Series: James Francies, Diunna Greenleaf

Saturday, Nov. 10, 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Discovery Green, 1500 McKinney Street, Houston, TX 77010

COST: Admission is free

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ABOUT DISCOVERY GREEN

Discovery Green is a highly acclaimed 12-acre park created by a public-private partnership between the City of Houston and the nonprofit Discovery Green Conservancy in downtown Houston, Texas. Since opening in April 2008, the park has welcomed more than 13.5 million visitors. *Discovery Green* features sprawling lawns, a one-acre lake, an interactive fountain, a playground, public art installations, gardens and an allée of century-old live oaks. The Discovery Green Conservancy works with hundreds of programming partners to present more than 700 artistic, musical, educational, family-friendly and health-focused events each year, most of which are presented free to the public. The park also features two on-site restaurants, the award-winning destination restaurant The Grove and the fast-casual Lake House Waterside Cafe, providing visitors with an array of dining options. As a nonprofit organization, the Conservancy raises all the funds needed for the programming that Houstonians enjoy. For more information, please visit www.discoverygreen.com.

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