

## **2019 DELANEY CHEVROLET WESTSYLVANIA JAZZ AND BLUES FESTIVAL**

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Entering its sixth year and newly expanded, the Delaney Chevrolet Westsylvania Jazz and Blues Festival looks to welcome its 2019 lineup to downtown Indiana May 25.

The festival annually brings national and international artists to IRMC Park for free performances on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.

Local and regional talent—including this year the Indiana Area Senior High School Jazz Band—join headliners that previously have included Sonny Landreth, Trudy Lynn, The Commonheart, Reggie Watkins, and Richie Cole. New to this year's festival are a popup vendor market, children's activities, and a Friday night kickoff concert with Left Lane Cruiser and Post Traumatik presented by Downtown Indiana May 24.

For 2019, attendees will be treated to a diverse and accomplished lineup topped by a Hall of Fame jazz and funk bassist and a critically acclaimed blues musician.

"Every year we have been fortunate to find amazing artists for the festival, and this year is no exception. Blues fans are going to love Vanessa Collier's energetic and soulful singing and sax playing. Dwayne Dolphin is a jazz master with a deep reservoir of musicianship. From the first band to the last, I'm beyond excited to hear what these artists will bring," said steering committee member Matt Baumer.

### **The 2019 Lineup includes**

**Jazz Headliner** photo + [westsylvaniajazzandblues.org/dwaynedolphin](http://westsylvaniajazzandblues.org/dwaynedolphin)

**Dwayne Dolphin, presented by The Pittsburgh International Jazz Festival and the August Wilson Center**

Jazz and funk bassist Dwayne Dolphin was recruited out of high school by Wynton Marsalis to tour with his quintet. A member of the Pittsburgh Jazz Hall of Fame, Dolphin has played and recorded with luminaries including Hank Jones, Nancy Wilson, Pharoah Sanders, Fred Wesley, and John Hicks. In 2018, the master instrumentalist released his eighth solo album, *Indigenous*.

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**Vanessa Collier**

A multiple Blues Awards nominee who has drawn praise from Buddy Guy, Collier's voice has been compared to Bonnie Raitt. Her 2018 album, *Honey Up*, spent nine weeks atop the Billboard Blues Album Chart's Top 15, three months on the Living Blues Chart, and continues to be heard on Sirius XM's B.B. King's Bluesville station.

**Jazz Educator and Performer:**

**Jared Sims**

Sims has toured throughout the world and performed live with artists such as the Temptations, Four Tops, Oteil Burbridge (Allman Brothers), 10,000 Maniacs, and Oasis's Noel Gallagher. Currently the Director of Jazz Studies at West Virginia University, he has performed on more than 35 recordings in addition to his work for theme parks, video games, and television commercials.

**Miss Freddye's Blues Band**

Accolades for Pittsburgh's award-winning "Lady Of Lady Of The Blues" include Blues Foundation 2018 nominations for Best Emerging Artist Album and the Koko Taylor award (traditional blues female).

**Jack of Diamonds** *presented by The Blues Society of Western Pennsylvania*

Jack of Diamonds is a Pittsburgh-based acoustic duo performing original blues and Americana.

**Tom Roberts** *Ragtime, Stride, and New Orleans Piano*

Roberts is one of the world's leading proponents of early jazz piano. He has appeared on The Tonight Show and Garrison Keillor's A Prairie Home Companion in addition to arranging and performing music for films such as Martin Scorsese's *The Aviator*.

**The Inner Urge** *Jazz-Fusion*

The Inner Urge bring original and popular songs to life through unique instrumentation rooted in ambient and jazz styles. Alumni of Indiana University of Pennsylvania's music program, the quartet released an album of original material in 2018 and tours regionally.

**Nevin Saylor's Big Band** *Big Band*

The Indiana County legend leads a showcase of some of the region's finest jazz musicians in performing big band music with special guest Jared Sims.

**The Dad Band** *Jazz*

From Indiana County to the Pittsburgh JazzLive International Festival, The Dad Band has been performing since 2004. Their repertoire ranges from the blues to Ellington, Basie, Miles Davis, and more. What was originally intended as The Dad Band's tenth anniversary concert evolved into the Delaney Chevrolet Westsylvania Jazz and Blues Festival.