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Big Brass Machine Tops Off Lake Worth Playhouse Concert Series with Jazz-Rock, Funk, Motown and R&B Favorites

LAKE WORTH, Florida (April 8, 2009) – Local band, BIG BRASS MACHINE, tops off the 2008-2009 Lake Worth Playhouse Concert Series on Wednesday, April 22 at 8:00 p.m. The nine-piece jazz-rock and R&B band plays a varied selection of rock, funk, Motown and R&B favorites from the 60s, 70s and 80s. Their specialties include hits from Blood, Sweat & Tears, Chicago and Tower of Power.

BIG BRASS MACHINE is a local band that is quickly establishing itself as one of South Florida's favorite talents. They boast a "rare, earthy and authentic style" that's stood the test of time for nearly half a decade.

The band originated in 2004 as FAU music students and good friends Leo Bacigalupi (trumpet), Brad Jimenez (Saxophone) and Branden Stair (bass) came together to read some Blood Sweat and Tears transcriptions in the university's large ensemble room. They steadily brought in additional band members, including a drummer, keyboardist, vocalist, guitarist and two more horn players. BIG BRASS MACHINE has played from the Bank Atlantic Center in Sunrise and Las Olas in Ft. Lauderdale to Clematis and CityPlace in West Palm Beach, and as far north as the ArtiGras Festival in Abacoa. In 2007 BIG BRASS MACHINE had the distinct honor of entertaining the U.S. Navy stationed on Andros Island in the Bahamas for New Year's Eve.

For the Lake Worth Playhouse Concert Series, BIG BRASS MACHINE has selected an exclusive set list featuring their "Top Brass" favorites and "a few special surprises to get Lake Worth audiences groovin'!"

BIG BRASS MACHINE band members are:

Leo Bacigalupi - Trumpet
Chris Berens - Keyboards
Frankie Coronado - Drums
Annora Daige - Trumpet
Ian Gollub - Tenor Saxophone
Brad Jimenez - Alto and Baritone Saxophones, Vocals
Rich Lesh - Vocals and Blues Harp
Branden Stair - Bass Guitar, Vocals
Paul Stranger - Guitar

Tickets

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchase by contacting the Lake Worth Playhouse Box Office at 561-586-6410. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.lakeworthplayhouse.org. Group discounts are available. Visa, MasterCard and Discover Card are accepted.

About Lake Worth Playhouse

Lake Worth Playhouse is a not-for-profit, non-equity community theatre with a diverse array of offerings, including award-winning dramas, comedies, musicals, area premieres, reinterpretations of classics, children's shows, ballets and operas on film, concert series and alternative programming. In addition to its main stage theatrical fare, the Playhouse presents year-round independent and foreign films in the Stonzek Theatre, an intimate black-box style theatre equipped with a large viewing screen and high-definition projection. The Playhouse is proud to offer a variety of educational programs for adults and children, as well as community outreach initiatives that bring cultural programs into the neighborhoods of underserved youth and also make theatre available free of charge for disadvantaged citizens in the community.

Location

Lake Worth Playhouse is located at 713 Lake Avenue in Downtown Lake Worth. It is situated on the south side of Lake Avenue two blocks east of Dixie Highway. Free, well-lit parking is available on Lake Avenue and surrounding side streets, with free parking lots located behind the Playhouse.

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