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Orange County Proclaims April Jazz Appreciation Month

Organizers of the Newburgh waterfront spectacular, the Newburgh Jazz Series, will be presented with an official Orange County proclamation as the 2008 jazz season kicks off. The proclamation comes as part of a national movement proclaiming the month of April as "Jazz Appreciation Month". At a press conference to be held at the Government Center in Goshen, County Executive Edward Diana will present the official proclamation to Executive Producer of the Newburgh Jazz Series, Aquanetta Wright, otherwise known as the Ferry Godmother. This first time proclamation will be held before a gathering of the general public, friends, family and county employees. "The Ferry Godmother promotes tourism, economic stimulation, leisure and cultural development by creating events that promote access to a range of high quality art works", the proclamation reads in part. Following the press conference, the Ferry Godmother will present a free jazz concert in the Center's court yard which will feature the special sounds of the well loved Neil Alexander and Nail. There will also be a special guest appearance by the Diva of Jazz, a million song seller and a Newburgh native, Ms. Lillie Howard. All music, jazz, and Ferry Godmother supporters are invited to attend. The press conference will be on Thursday April 10 at 11:30 am with the concert starting immediately following. The Orange County Government Center is at 255 W. Main Street in Goshen, NY. For more information about upcoming fundraising events and sponsorship opportunities log on to www.FerryGodmother.com or call 845 568-0198.

Media representatives, sponsors and jazz enthusiasts are also invited to attend the Newburgh Jazz-a-thon on the Newburgh Ferry landing April 27th, a Big Band Brunch on Mother's Day weekend, a Motown Swing Fling and so many other musical events including the unforgettable music of the Newburgh Jazz Series happening all summer-long on the Newburgh waterfront.

So far this year the series is being presented by sponsors like; CSEA (New York's leading union), Bluestone Developers, ENT and Allergy Assoc, Hudson Valley Magazine, Mandon Productions, Times Community Newspapers of the Hudson Valley, Delaware and Hudson Canvas, plus many others. If you are interested in being a sponsor of the magic contact the Ferry Godmother at FerryGodmother@FerryGodmother.com