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The Great American Picnic Basket Arrives at the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden in Time for Jazz in the Garden.

Washington, D.C. (May 18, 2009) This summer, **Guest Services** welcomes back another season of *Jazz in the Garden* to the grounds surrounding the **Pavilion Café at the National Gallery of Art s Sculpture Garden**. Now a renowned series of concerts by musicians from around the area, *Jazz in the Garden* celebrates summertime on the National Mall in style in the public garden at the intersection of 7th & Constitution Avenues, NW. This year, the sweet sounding Friday nights of summer taste better with *The Great American Picnic Basket*.

Patrons of *Jazz in the Garden* can pre-order homemade picnic baskets full of gourmet treats from the Pavilion Café. By visiting www.jazzinthegarden.com, anyone can fill out the easy online form and pre-order the \$25.00 **Great American Picnic Basket***, filled with American picnic fare including Saratoga water, summer sausage and cheese, fresh-baked artisan breads accompanied by two gourmet spreads (kalamata olive spread with toasted pine nuts, and sundried tomato spread with caramelized shallots), and local seasonal fruit. Inspired by the National Gallery of Art s newly reinstalled American collection, the keepsake basket serves two and is packaged fresh on the day of the event. The Pavilion Café is also offering a list of affordable wines by the bottle for an additional cost. Orders must be placed by the Wednesday prior to the Friday night concert, and must be pre-paid online as well.

Concerts are scheduled every Friday beginning at 5:00pm from May 22 until September 11 featuring some of the area s best musicians in contemporary jazz, big band, modern jazz and instrumental. A complete jazz schedule and café menu can be found [online](#). This popular annual summer concert series, presented by the National Gallery of Art and Guest Services, Inc., is in its ninth season.

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