

Jazz, Wine and Art Getaway

For years, Clinton Square in downtown Syracuse has rung with the sound of jazz in July, when the prestigious Jazz in the Square festival holds its annual three-day musical extravaganza.

This year, an entirely new dimension has been added, creating the first festival of its kind east of the Rockies — the “Northeast Jazz & Wine Festival”.

Now they can enjoy great music while appreciating the fruit of the vine in *Wines of the World* wine courses guided by the area’s finest experts. Wine tasters will be supporting the festival’s designated charity as well – the festival will be making a donation to the regional chapter of the American Red Cross, whose volunteers will be helping with the event.

Two new jazz clubs have been created in the square for the occasion — the *Mardi Gras* Pavilion, featuring New Orleans-style jazz, and the *World Beat* Pavilion with sounds from the around the world. Fine cuisine from regional restaurants rounds out this unique event, filled with music, fun, food and drink for the whole family.

Northeast Jazz & Wine will continue to anchor “Syracuse Artsweek,” a combined visual-and-performing arts festival that attracts an audience that exceeds 49,500. This “festival of festivals”, a major summer cultural tourism attraction includes the Blue Rain Ecofest, the juried Syracuse Arts & Crafts Festival, and a public art walk including public-art projects by and for children and visually projected art.

A great place to relax in the heart of Syracuse is the Sheraton University Hotel and Conference Center (www.sheratonsyracuse.com). When you walk into the Sheraton, you will experience a warm welcome unlike any other. Comfort awaits you. Every aspect of the hotel was designed with you in mind; the “aaahhh” Sheraton sweet Sleeper(SM) bed, the flat panel TVS, high speed Internet access, state-of-the art fitness center, indoor pool a soak in the whirlpool, or the relaxing in the sauna are yours for the taking.

Package includes – Overnight accommodations (double occupancy) at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel

Arrival cocktail at the hotel – for two people

Continental breakfast for 2

2 passes for wine tasting at the Wines of the World Pavilion

Price is only \$156.00 per night – tax included