



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Open Jazz Jam Session**

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**Performance Date:** Sunday, June 18, 2006, 2-4:30pm

**Performance Headline:** Guitarist Blake Brown and Friends at the Morris Graves Museum of Art

Join us at the Morris Graves Museum of Art for a Sunday Open Jazz Jam Session on June 18, 2006 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. This Sunday will feature jazz guitarist Blake Brown and Friends. Blake Brown is a Eureka native who returned in 2000 after living away 22 years. Blake is a jazz/rock guitarist and composer, as well as a high-school science teacher. He has played in rock and jazz groups and did session work in Los Angeles, the Bay Area and Humboldt County. He has fronted several local jazz combos and has played guitar with the Casa Blanca Jazz Trio, Cuckoo's Nest, (a Humboldt County gypsy jazz group), and SugarDaddy, a local rock group.

About the Band...

Sam Maez started playing trumpet professionally at the age of 16. He studied with Don Ferrara former jazz soloist with Woody Herman, Lennie Tristano, Gerry Mulligan, Zoot Simms. Lee Konitz, and went to the Dick Grove School of Music. Sam has played with Gary Foster Big Band, Sherman Ferguson, Harold Land Jr., Hank Ballard, John Raczka, Art Pepper. He is a 17- year resident of Eureka and plays at several local venues including The Café Waterfront, the Pearl Lounge, Benbow Inn, Avalon Restaurant and Cecil's Restaruant (in Garberville).

Geoff Daugherty is an excellent jazz, rock, and funk bassist who hails from the Los Angeles area. Geoff is also a fine local craftsman - designing, building and repairing acoustic bass instruments. Geoff has played with numerous bands in the local area.

Darius Brotman hails from Berkeley. He has a degree in music, but only started playing jazz at the age of 32. He's been playing on the local club scene for 20 years in various combinations with the handful of other jazz musicians. He hosts "Gone Sides", a jazz show on KHSU (Tuesday evenings at 8:30).

Michael LaBolle is a music educator and performer. In addition to the drum set Mike plays the vibraphone and hand percussion. He has been performing in the area since 1982 with numerous groups. Currently he plays vibes with the Casa Blanca Trio, and in a duo with bassist Tami Pallington. He plays drums with Play Dead, Speak Easy, The Blue Lake Yacht Club and other Jazz combos.

Join fellow jazz fans for this exciting afternoon of live music, Sunday, June 18, from 2 - 4:30pm!

Be sure not to miss the upcoming Jazz Jams...

July 16: Bassist Shao Way Wu

August 20: Vocalist Jenny Ferris

The Morris Graves Museum of Art, located at 636 F Street, Eureka is open to the public Noon-5p.m., Thursday through Sunday. Museum admission is by donation: \$4 for adults, \$1 for seniors age 55 and older; HAC Members and children age 12 and under are admitted free. Admission is always free for everyone during each First Saturday Arts Alive!, 6-9 p.m.