

JAZZ

City to Hold Festival

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Burlington will invite the sweet sounds of jazz into its streets, its buses, its airline terminal and — maybe — its ferry boats, the Flynn Theatre and the Mayor's Arts Council announced Friday.

Singer Sarah Vaughan will open the city's first "Discover Jazz" Festival at the Flynn on Friday, June 22. The three-day celebration will wind up with an outdoor jazz concert at Perkins Pier, they said.

The citywide festival will take advantage of Vermont's wealth of jazz talent, and develop an awareness of local musicians, said Larry McCrorey, a Vermont saxophone player who spoke at a news conference in a downtown bar.

"It's important that these musicians be seen and be able to perform," McCrorey said.

The Arts Council and the Flynn are still collecting musicians and groups to perform, on platforms that range from Chittenden County Transportation Authority buses to the Burlington International Airport, where the sounds of jazz will greet people flying into Vermont.

"We don't want anyone to escape," said Tony Micocci, managing director of the Flynn.

Most performers haven't been signed up yet — Vaughan is the only performer actually inked in. The Montreal-based Oliver Jones Trio is expected to open for Vaughan, Micocci said.

After Vaughan's concert, Burlington area jazz musicians will jam at Hunt's on Main Street.

The festival is expected to cost \$50,000, Micocci said, which will be raised through admission fees, sales of barbecued chicken on Saturday and donations from local merchants.

Saturday will focus on family entertain



Sarah Vaughan will open the jazz weekend on Friday, June 22.

ment, with a procession through Burlington streets at 11 a.m., with Bread and Puppet Theatre in command.

The parade will lead to City Hall Park, where listeners can munch chicken to the tunes of New England jazz artists.

Saturday night, Church Street will be transformed into a New Orleans-style Bourbon Street North for music and dancing in the streets.

Sunday morning, jazz will be played in churches and at brunches. In the afternoon, the sailing ship Homer W. Dixon will act as the stage for an outdoor concert on the

waterfront.

Other plans include the showing of classic jazz films at the Nickelodeon and jazz history seminars by McCrorey and other jazz history experts.

Tickets to the Sarah Vaughan concert are on sale at the Flynn Box Office. Special \$25 festival patron tickets are available for the best seats, which will admit the holder to all other festival events at no charge.

Other reserved seat tickets for Vaughan will go on sale Monday, at \$10.50, \$12.50, and \$14.50. All other festival events are free or at a nominal charge.