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## **31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL ATLANTA JAZZ FESTIVAL** **31 Years | 31 Days | Atlanta**

Atlanta, GA, February 5, 2008 –In the spirit of change, the Atlanta Jazz Festival is introducing a new format and new venues. This year’s festivities will be held throughout the month of May in four Atlanta neighborhoods over four consecutive weekends culminating over Memorial Day Weekend, May 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>, in downtown Atlanta at Robert W. Woodruff Park, located on Auburn Avenue.

This year’s Atlanta Jazz Festival theme is **31 Years | 31 Days | Atlanta**. “With this year’s jazz festival we are looking forward to spotlighting the depth of Atlanta’s jazz community,” says Office of Cultural Affairs Director, Camille Russell- Love, “there is an enormous amount of talent in this city.” Throughout 31 Years | 31 Days Atlanta, jazz lovers will be able to enjoy 31 Days of Jazz in restaurants and cultural venues, the Future of Jazz Competition that discovers new Atlanta based artists, and the Youth Jazz Band Competition featuring middle and high school jazz ensembles. A full schedule of events and artist line-up for the Atlanta Jazz Festival will be announced at the Atlanta Jazz Festival press conference.

### **ABOUT THE ATLANTA JAZZ FESTIVAL**

The Atlanta Jazz Festival, an annual musical showcase, celebrates jazz legends and up-and-coming jazz greats in venues throughout metro Atlanta during the month of May and culminates in a 3-day music festival on Memorial Day Weekend. It is the mission of the Atlanta Jazz Festival to expose and entertain a diverse audience of jazz aficionados, young jazz enthusiasts and musical artists to the rich heritage and variety of jazz as an authentic form of traditional music. The 2008 Atlanta Jazz Festival builds on the success and heritage of previous festivals by continuing its expansion with a 31-day schedule. For more information on the Atlanta Jazz Festival, please call the information hotline at 404.853.4234 or visit the website at [www.atlantafestivals.com](http://www.atlantafestivals.com).

