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ALL JAZZED UP AT SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV—Rick Whitehead Trio brings world class jazz to Berkeley Springs State Park on Saturday, July 27, for this summer's Concerts in the Park series from the Morgan Arts Council.

This trio has a background that includes the USAF Airman of Note, performances with major stars and Wammie's Best Jazz Instrumentalist. Their music ranges from ballads, blues and bop to Latin and high-energy fusion.

The trio is sure to provide an exceptional jazz experience that is creative, exciting and visually entertaining. Guitarist Rick Whitehead, originally from Miami, started playing the guitar at age 11. When he was 18, he was performing on Shows on the Beach and worked with Connie Francis, Sandler and Young, Jayne Morgan, Glen Campbell and others. Bass player John Previti is a native of Washington, He began his professional career in 1976 with Danny Gatton, and played with him over a span of 18 years. John's passion for music is evident in his long list of collaborations, including Charlie Byrd, Doc Cheatham, Paul Simon, and Buddy Emmons. Barry Hart is another Washington native. He has played drums professionally since the age of 16. A technical master, he is as much fun to watch as he is to listen to. Hart has performed with The Tommy Dorsey Big Band, The Ink Spots, Bob Hope, Cab Calloway, Lou Rawls and The Drifters.

All concerts start at 5:30 p.m. The Ice House, corner of Independence and Mercer, two blocks north of the park, serves as the rain location. Sponsors for the series are River Bend Family Medicine, SureStay Plus Berkeley Springs Inn, Heath Studio Gallery, Lot 12 Public House and The Naked Olive, with additional funding from the WV Department of Arts, Culture and History, and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the WV Commission on the Arts, and local hotel/motel taxes.

For detailed information on the concert series and participating performers, visit macicehouse.org or call 304-258-2300.