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1st Annual *Septembers with the Smithsonian* announced
by Museum of Arts & Sciences, Daytona Beach, Florida

Daytona Beach, FL (July 27, 2011) – **Since 2000, the Museum of Arts & Sciences (MOAS) in Daytona Beach, Florida, has been an official Smithsonian Institution Affiliate.** This September, in conjunction with the nationwide **Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day** on September 24, MOAS is hosting the **Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra (SJMO)** and special speakers and programming from the storied Institution. *Septembers with the Smithsonian* is proudly sponsored by **Mercedes-Benz of Daytona Beach**.

“This September is an opportunity for the Museum to highlight our relationship with the Smithsonian and to share that opportunity with our community,” stated Deborah B. Allen, Interim Director of the Museum of Arts & Sciences. “It’s especially important to be able to bring such a noteworthy and incredible group of Jazz musicians here”.

The Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra will be playing to a private audience of sponsors and guests on Friday, September 23, followed by dinner with the musicians. **Open to the public is a two-hour performance on Saturday, September 24, from 7-9pm** – tickets are \$35 for Museum members/\$40 for non-members. In addition to the performances, **Stetson University is hosting the SJMO for student workshops** during the day on Saturday, September 24.

On September 10, from 2-3:30pm, Medicines from the Sea will be presented by **Director of the Smithsonian Marine Station, (Ft. Pierce, FL) Dr. Valerie J. Paul**. Dr. Paul’s team, through isolation and characterization of natural products from Florida’s marine life, has discovered compounds never previously found in nature. Through collaborations with medicinal chemists, this team of researchers is focused on investigating the beneficial uses of these compounds for treatment of human diseases such as cancer and bacterial infections.

Visitors wishing to receive two free tickets to Museum Day, September 24, may do so by filling out the information at <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/ticket/>

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About the Museum of Arts & Sciences – The Museum of Arts & Sciences (MOAS) is the primary **art, history and science museum in Central Florida**. Located on a 90-acre Florida nature preserve, the 100,000 square foot facility is host to over 30,000 objects including the finest collection of American Art in the southeast, one of the most significant collections of **Cuban art** outside of Cuba, a Chinese art collection, Florida's **prehistoric Giant Ground Sloth**, a large **Coca Cola** and Americana collection, and a rare **Napoleonic Collection**. The MOAS collection also includes a wealth of historic paintings and African Artifacts. The museum's **auditorium, planetarium, and Charles and Linda Williams Children's Museum** make for a truly interactive experience.

Planetarium and laser shows daily. Museum Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Tuesday - Saturday) and 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Sunday). Closed Mondays, except holidays. Museum admission is \$12.95 for adults; \$6.95 Children 6-17; \$10.95 for seniors and students; members and children 5 and under are free. Admission includes Planetarium. Parking is free. MOAS is fully accessible to the handicapped. MOAS is located at 352 S. Nova Road, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114. For more information call 386.255.0285 or visit the web site www.moas.org.

MOAS is a not-for-profit educational institution founded in 1955 and chartered by the State of Florida in 1962. The Museum is accredited by the American Association of Museums and is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. Programs sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts and the County of Volusia.

For more information, images, or an updated schedule please visit www.moas.org or contact Rene Bell Adams – rbadams@moas.org

About The Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra - The Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra was founded in 1990 by the United States Congress in recognition of the importance of jazz in American culture. It ranks as the nation's premiere jazz repertory orchestra, and is the only such ensemble in residence at a museum. Led by the renowned musical director David Baker, the 17-member orchestra brings living sound to the music of the 1920s, '30s, '40s, and '50s, and '60s. Drawing on the Museum's vast archives of jazz including the History of Jazz Collection and the Duke Ellington Collection, the orchestra presents authentic performances of classic jazz. Performances by the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra have been hailed by critics, Congress, and the public alike. In addition to the Orchestra's touring activities, the SJMO presents a full series of *free* public concerts in Washington and its concerts will be broadcast on public radio stations across the country.

The SJMO receives a base of funding earmarked as part of the Smithsonian's federal appropriation, which provides four or five weekends of free public performances each summer in Washington, D.C. The 1993 concert season was also supported by a grant from AT&T. With increased funding, the SJMO: could expand its programs in Washington, including educational-outreach and community-outreach concerts; could subsidize its touring concerts to make them available to communities across the nation; could establish an annual two-week-long institute to assist other communities and institutions in establishing their own jazz orchestras and to train musicians in the difficult art of recreating styles of jazz in historically authentic fashion.

About Smithsonian Affiliates - The Smithsonian's unparalleled collections, scholarship, and exhibitions document the world in all of its beauty, diversity, and complexity. The mission of Smithsonian Affiliations is to share these resources with Americans in their own communities by developing collaborative partnerships with museums, cultural and educational organizations. Together, we bring the Smithsonian, in all of its breadth and scope, to local communities and create lasting experiences that broaden perspectives on science, history, world cultures and the arts.