

The Power of Jazz Happens At Big Sur JazzFest

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Nestled high in the redwoods along the edge of the Pacific Ocean is a 17-mile stretch of romantic, natural charm called Big Sur. Among the annual highlights here is the annual Big Sur JazzFest that spans the course of three days. This year, May 4, 5, and 6th were the event-filled days that attracted those with an affinity for jazz in a beautiful setting to this tiny, coastal resort town. Complete with venues to match the sparkling serenity of the Pacific view, Big Sur offered its guests one great weekend of jazz, food, art and fun!

Jenna Mammina and Andre Bush awed the early morning crowd at Ripplewood with the art of their duets. Singing songs from her latest CD, UNDER THE INFLUENCE, the striking vocalist's tender, witty, and intensely romantic vocals were thoroughly charming. The Bay area duo, played to a full house who listened attentively to the guitar stylings of Andre Bush which glowed in the morning sunlight. This pair can clearly deliver melody, charm, rhythm and great guitar stylings with dazzling techniques that are surely their calling card.

The weekend of jazz at Big Sur is truly one of the best festivals in the USA because of its great setting, the remarkable talent and the creativity of its residents, volunteers and staff. Presented in conjunction with the Big Sur Arts Initiative the Sixth Annual Big Sur JazzFest can be re-lived on May 27th by logging on to www.bigsurjazz.org The entire concert will be streamed, so be there!

http://www.allaboutjazz.com/creviews/c0601_05.htm