

Alton Jazz & Wine Festival attracts crowd of more than 2,500, rates large success

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ALTON - The first-ever Alton Jazz & Wine Festival this past Saturday, Sept. 9, was nothing but a smash, said Robert Stephan, one of the coordinators.

It was a free celebration of Miles Davis and his Alton birthplace. Stephan said he hopes it will become an annual event.

“The Jazz and Wine Festival had a crowd of over 2,500 people, which we are thrilled for the first year,” Stephan said. “We are already planning for next year.

“The music, wine and original art for sale from local artists were all well received. It was a beautiful night and a great event for Alton. It’s exactly what we and the sponsors had in mind and we look forward to expanding it next year.”

Live entertainment included:

Ptah Williams Quartet
Funky Butt Brass Band
Dawn Weber Group
Keyon Harrold

Food/Wine vendors included Andy's Cakes & Candies, Chez Marilyn, Gentelin's, Pig on a Wing, State Street Market, Solera Wines and PopUtopia Gourmet Popcorn and Sweets.

Art vending included:

Joseph Randick - Photographer
Weiser Hebenstreight - Photo Manipulation Artist
Eric Stauffer - Local Photographer, Local Artist
Jake Bishop - Contemporary and Pop Culture Artist
Andrew Lee Adams - Abstract Paintings
Christine Illewski - Abstract and Landscape Artist
Wisek Arts - Contemporary, Pop and Graffiti Artists

