

**2011 Kansas City
YARDBIRD JAZZ & FILM FESTIVAL**

Saturday, August 27, 2011

*a community celebration of the musical genius & legacy of
Charlie "Yardbird" Parker
presented by the*

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Free Jazz Performances & Film Presentations

Charlie Parker is one of the most influential improvising soloists in jazz, and a central figure in the development of "be-bop" in the 1940's. A legendary figure in his own lifetime, he was idolized by those who worked with him, and he has inspired a generation of jazz performers and composers.

This year's celebration will include a special tribute to Kansas City jazz saxophonist, band leader, composer and music educator/mentor Ahmad Alaadeen (1934 – 2010)

Festival Opening Ceremony – 10:30am - Charlie Parker Sculpture
(located in back of the Museums at 17th Terrace & Vine)
Kansas City community and jazz organization leaders, area musicians and the general public are invited to attend.

Music Presentations and Jazz Talks Sessions
American Jazz Museum Complex -11am to 6pm

Jazz performances by student and professional Kansas City jazz bands/ensembles will be presented in the Blue Room & Museum Atrium.

Community members, jazz musicians and friends of Charlie "Yardbird" Parker share thoughts and memories of the "jazz legend" in a series of scheduled talks held throughout the afternoon in the *Jazz Discovery Room* of the American Jazz Museum.

Jazz Film Presentations - Gem Theater - 12Noon to 6pm
Local and nationally produced documentaries/films on the life, music, influences of Charlie Parker and the Kansas City style of blues-based jazz music.

"Music is your own experience, your own thoughts, your wisdom. If you don't live it, it won't come out of your horn. They teach you there's a boundary line to music. But, man, there's no boundary line to art".

- Charlie Parker

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