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JAZZLAB At The Firehouse Center: Free Performances During The Discover Jazz Festival

Burlington, VT: (May 28, 2008) Burlington City Arts in association with the Discover Jazz Festival presents the second annual *JAZZLAB* at the Firehouse Center on Church Street, Thursday, June 11th through Saturday, June 13th from 3pm to 8pm. *JAZZLAB* is a festival-inspired experiment in community creation featuring musicians, artists, dancers and performers. *JAZZLAB* features a contemporary new work under the direction of free jazz innovator and NEA grant recipient, **Arthur Brooks**, improvisational jazz group **Ensemble V**, Chicago-based dance quartet, **The Architects**, sculptor and set designer **Sue Rees** and much more. Beer and Wine will be served from 5pm to 8pm each evening on the Second Floor of the Firehouse Center.

JAZZLAB seeks to harness the creative energy abundant downtown during the festival and give it the space it needs to evolve into a multi-dynamic piece of art itself. *The Lab* serves as a meeting place for artists, media and community members alike to define this kinetic body of work. This collaboration features a contemporary new work under the direction of free jazz innovator and NEA grant recipient, **Arthur Brooks**, an instigator in the regional free jazz scene, and avant-garde improviser and disciple of Bill Dixon and Cecil Taylor. Brooks has toured Europe extensively with his group **Ensemble V** – created though teaching improvisational jazz classes at Bennington College. The group now features local luminaries, **Michael Chorney** on prepared guitar; **Anthony Santor** on upright bass; *Strength in Numbers*' percussionist, **P.J. Davidian**, and cellists **Polly**

Vanderputten and **Nelson Caldwell**. **Ensemble V** currently performs on Wednesdays at *The Radio Bean* in Burlington.

Brooks also enlists the collaborative skills of Chicago-based dance quartet, **The Architects**. While established choreographers in their own right, these dancers come together in the spirit of improvisation to create unique performances each day during *JAZZLAB*. In addition, sculptor and set designer **Sue Rees** brings her improvisational design approach to the look of this year's *JAZZLAB*. One can expect her action-inspired work to incorporate live audio visual elements and that will enlist the assistance of anyone entering the *JAZZLAB* for a living and breathing installation that will develop as the lab evolves.

Visitors to *JAZZLAB* will also be asked to participate by interacting with the **LABBLOG**, a blogging station where the public can upload photos from Jazz Week or simply comment on what they have seen during the festival. Artist **Clark Derbes** will also be on hand each day during *JAZZLAB*, discussing his participatory work in the Firehouse Gallery, part of the exhibition *Uncharted Territories*. **The Radiator, 105.9 fm WOMM-LP** will serve as the voice of the people, broadcasting live outside the Firehouse, seeking public expression and impression. On Thursday, June 11 **Ensemble V** is joined by Dutch Trio **BraamDeJoodeVatcher** at 3pm in *The Lab*, The trio headlines the FlynnSpace later that evening.

JAZZLAB is sponsored by Seven Days and is supported in part by The Radiator, 105.9 fm WOMM-LP Burlington, and is an important part of Burlington City Arts, which is dedicated to the promotion of excellence, experimentation, and education in all forms of contemporary art. For more information about gallery exhibitions, special events, classes and workshops, please call 802.865.7166 or visit BURLINGTONCITYARTS.COM.

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