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Metuchen Joins Central Jersey Jazz Festival and Presents Marcus Printup Quintet with Special Guest, Riza Printup on Harp and "Jazz Storytime with the Printups"

Saturday, September 11, 2021 6 PM Plaza at New and Pearl Streets, Metuchen NJ.

Metuchen, New Jersey Trumpeter Marcus Printup Quintet with special guest Riza Printup on Harp is the headliner as Metuchen becomes a part of Central Jersey Jazz Festival for the first time. The Printups are a husband and wife team. Riza Printup leads "Jazz Storytime with the Printups,"an audience-interactive multi-media event in which Riza also involves the members of the Printup Quintet. Young people engagement continues as the award-winning Metuchen High School Jazz Ensemble (big band) also performs. Central Jersey Jazz Festival- Metuchen begins at 6 PM on September 11th on the Metuchen Town Plaza at the corner of New and Pearl Streets just one block from Main Street. In case of rain, the program will move to the Metuchen High School auditorium at 400 Gove Avenue.

The event is FREE and all are welcome, especially families with children.

Marcus Printup, is a long-standing trumpeter with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra (JALC), as well as a composer, arranger, a graduate of University of North Florida and the winner of the International Trumpet Guild Jazz Trumpet Competition. Marcus has written over 40 compositions for the JALC. He has performed and/or recorded with jazz icons Betty Carter, Marcus Roberts, and others. Mr. Printup is a facilitator/educator for educational programs such as JALC's Essentially Ellington Competition and Swing University, among others. He is Adjunct Professor of Jazz Trumpet at Montclair State University. www.marcusprintup.net

About working with Riza, Marcus said: "It's so easy to play with her. I think the harp fits my brand of trumpet. Her lyricism – even if it's just one note – it sings. I want my sound to sing." (Philp Lutz/Downbeat 5/20). His band on September 11th also includes the drummer Willie Jones III, alto saxophonist Emilio Modesto, pianist Mika Nishimura and bassist Sean Conly.

Riza Printup is a jazz harpist, composer and arranger performing and/or recording with major figures of the music world from jazz to opera --from Paquito d'Rivera to Kathleen Battle--and is an Educator (Grades PreK-5). Riza is founder of the "I Have A Song Inside My Heart ™ "

program (www.ihaveasonginsidemyheart.com) from which "Jazz Storytime with the Printups" evolved. "It is about finding your song through the music of jazz" said Riza, who worked in childhood education for two years in Georgia and seven at Jazz at Lincoln Center. The program has been used in schools in the US and Japan. Ms. Printup is the author of *Theodore and Hazel and the Bird* and *The Great Big Spider & The Waterspout Blues*. Riza has a BA in Music from Columbia College, Chicago and has pursued her Master of Music degree at Georgia State University.

The Metuchen Arts Council fosters, promotes, encourages and celebrates the Arts in Metuchen, in order to enhance the quality of life and spirit of community for all residents of the Borough. (www.metuchenartscouncil.com . 732-632-9502)

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For more information on Central Jersey Jazz Festival September 10 – 12 in Flemington (9/10 7 – 10 PM, New Brunswick (9/11 1 -- 6 PM and Somerville 9/12 3 – 6 PM), please visit www.centraljerseyjazzfestival.com.

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