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## **Ingenuity Rocks the Mainstage**

### *Telecommunicated Jams, Brazilian Beats, Grandmaster Flash*

**CLEVELAND, Ohio – June 6, 2007** – The last thing Plain Dealer/cleveland.com Mainstage will be is quiet. Located in the East 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Euclid Avenue intersection, the Mainstage will be rockin' during the four day Festival, July 19-22. Recent Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee Grandmaster Flash will certainly be a highlight as the headliner on Saturday, July 21 but there are many other not to be missed events including telecommunicated performance from Digital World Institute and Progressive Arts Alliance as well as Beat the Donkey and The Girls.

Opening the Mainstage on Thursday, July 19, 2007 at 7:30 pm, **the Jazz Heritage Orchestra** (JHO) will help kick off Ingenuity Fest 2007. The Jazz Heritage Orchestra is a professional, 8 piece jazz orchestra in-residence in the Cleveland State University Black Studies Program. JHO is dedicated to the highest level of excellence in music education and performance. Composed of outstanding world-class jazz performers, who are also highly competent music educators, JHO strives for the preservation and perpetuation of the musical heritage of the great African American jazz masters who were the primary creators and the major innovators of the art of jazz.

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Two telecommunicated performance will be broadcast onto the Mainstage throughout the Festival. On Thursday and Friday evening, **Digital World Institute's** presentation will include live, synchronous musical performances by percussionists from different locations across Ohio and the nation and projected onto the Mainstage screens.

Saturday, July 21 **Progressive Arts Alliance** will present "From the Bronx to Cleveland: A virtual Hip-Hop Meeting" allowing Cleveland area students to create a performance linked to students from the South Bronx, NY. DJs, MCs, and graffiti artists in Cleveland will perform together while linked via Internet2 technology to students from Bana Kelly High School in the South Bronx who will perform high-energy choreography.

After leading the Festival's Opening Ceremony, Samba For 1000 Drums, **Marcus Santos** will perform at a lunch-time concert on Friday, July 20. A contemporary percussionist and educator, Marcus Santos is a native of Salvador city in Bahia, Brazil. His talents as a musician have landed him appearances on NBC, TV Globo (Brazil), Kiss 108FM (Boston), as well as numerous venues around the world, including the Hard Rock Café (Orlando, USA), Rock In Rio (Brazil), Buddha (Mexico) and the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

Friday, July 20 Mainstage headliner, **Beat the Donkey** is more than a ten-piece percussion ensemble. It is a multicultural, polyphonic, highly creative and entertaining group that takes rhythms beyond their natural frontiers. There is an undeniable aura of fun and humor whenever Cyro Baptista takes the stage, and this is particularly true with Beat The Donkey. The drummers, and even a DJ, from all over the world, wear wild, elaborate costumes and frequently leave their instruments to break into spontaneous dance, making the group fascinating to watch as well as listen to.

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The Pride of Lake County and the surrounding Cleveland area, **The Girls** will take the Mainstage on Saturday evening, July 21. The Girls band brings solid 3-part harmonies and unique, musical and rhythmical arrangements to Rock, Country, R&B and Pop Music. Playing classics such as *Ooh Baby Baby* and the unforgettable Sly & the Family Stone classic *Dance to The Music*, up to the more recent *Ain't No Other Man* by Christina Aguilera and the #1 Hit by American Idol Winner Carrie Underwood, *Before He Cheats*, The Girls cover genres of music and songs that will satisfy anyone's taste. Without a doubt the highlight and focus of the band are its strong, melodic and well-structured harmonies. These girls can sing.

Additional acts on the Plain Dealer/cleveland.com Mainstage include: The Last of the Bad Men, Nation Beat, Remodeled Media, May7ven, Sogbety Diomande, Lost State of Franklin, Aaron Kleinstub Jazz Band, and the Singing Angels. The third annual Ingenuity Festival will conclude with a Gospel Spectacular sponsored by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame followed by fireworks on Sunday, July 22.

Many Ingenuity events are free to the public, including performances by Grandmaster Flash, the NASA Space Palace and all Family Village activities. Tickets to the Ingenuity Festival featured events can be purchased at [www.ingenuitycleveland.com](http://www.ingenuitycleveland.com), in person at the State Theatre Ticket Office or by phone at 216/771-8403. An Ingenuity Day Passport, providing access to all Ingenuity events for that day, can be purchased for \$10. An Ingenuity Festival Weekend Passport, providing access to all events for the four-day Festival, can be purchased for \$25. Ingenuity Passports sponsored by Time Warner Cable. For more information visit [www.ingenuitycleveland.com](http://www.ingenuitycleveland.com).

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