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Telfair's June Jepson Live, "*The Best of Johnny Mercer*," features performances by local musicians Roger Moss and Eric Jones

[Savannah, Georgia] — The Telfair Museum of Art announced today that its last Jepson Live of the season, "*The Best of Johnny Mercer*," will be held from 5-8 pm on Thursday, June 11, with performances by Roger Moss and Eric Jones. The popular monthly series, which features live music by area talent at the Telfair's Jepson Center for the Arts, is scheduled to resume in October.

Savannah favorite Roger Moss will perform "*The Best of Johnny Mercer*," featuring his collaborations with "the boys" including Harold Arlen, Duke Ellington, and Billy Strayhorn. Moss will be accompanied by pianist Eric Jones, performing hits including *Summertime*, *God Bless the Child*, *Come Rain or Come Shine*, *Take the A Train*, and *I'm Beginnin' to See the Light*.

A local jazz musician and vocalist, Roger Moss is leader of the Roger Moss Ensemble, co-founder of the Savannah Children's Choir, and a sought-after vocal coach. In *Connect Savannah's* 2009 "Best of Savannah" poll, Moss was voted "Best Local Vocalist" for the second year.

Eric Jones is a versatile, trained pianist with a love of modern jazz and impressionistic music, and performs with the Savannah band Neaueramusic. Jones holds a B.A. in piano from Armstrong Atlantic State University.

Help us kick-off the summer in style! Bring your friends and join us for a fun night of food, drink, and music in a uniquely artistic setting. All galleries will be open for viewing during the evening's festivities. Don't miss the exhibitions *Constructs and Inventions: The Etchings of Erik Desmazieres*, *Helen Levitt: A Photographer's Legacy*, and *Savannah Mandala*.

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Admission is free to museum members and \$15* for the general public. Cost of food and drink is not included.

Individual membership to the museum is \$45. Family/Dual membership is \$75 and can be purchased at the door. It pays to join! Call 912.790.8800 for more information.

Music procurement for Jepson Live is under the direction of Ricardo Ochoa. Co-owner of Savannah's New Arts Ensembles—a full-service corporate entertainment company, local musician Ricardo Ochoa formerly served as operations director of the Savannah Symphony Orchestra. Ochoa was recently voted "Best Classical Musician," for the third year, in *Connect Savannah's* annual "Best of Savannah" poll.

About the Telfair

Located in the heart of Savannah's historic district, the Telfair Museum of Art is the oldest public art museum in the South. It is comprised of two National Historic Landmark Buildings—the Telfair Academy and the Owens-Thomas House—and the contemporary Jepson Center for the Arts. With three unique buildings housing three distinct collections, the Telfair bridges three centuries of art and architecture.

Images available upon request.

*\$15 admission fee grants access (one-time visit) to each of the Telfair's three sites for weeklong period following date of purchase

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The Telfair Museum of Art is supported by its members, with partial support of the annual operating fund provided by the City of Savannah and by the Georgia Council for the Arts through the appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly.

The Telfair Academy is located on Telfair Square at 121 Barnard Street, Savannah, GA. The Jepson Center is also located on Telfair Square, just steps from the Academy building, at 207 W. York Street. The Telfair's Owens-Thomas House is located at 124 Abercorn Street on Oglethorpe Square. General admission (which includes a one-time visit to each of the Telfair's three sites) is \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors, military personnel, and AAA members; \$5 for K-12 students; children under 5 are free. Members are always admitted free.

For more information or for hours at the Telfair's Jepson Center for the Arts, Telfair Academy, or Owens-Thomas House, visit www.telfair.org. Museum sites are closed some holidays.

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