

# Singer Tammy Allen to kick off jazz series

Local jazz singer Tammy Allen launches Villa Christina's third summer jazz series on Sunday.

If the first two years are any indication, Northsiders will flock to the grassy area of the Dunwoody restaurant's rose garden for five free outdoor concerts to be held on the last Sunday of the month through September and conclude on Oct. 22. Doors open at 4 p.m. The two-hour concerts start at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance has steadily increased since the start of the series in 2004, says Terri Harrof, who helps produce the event. Nearly 2,000 people came out for last year's final concert, she says.

This year, the opening group, Tammy Allen and the Colors of Jazz, will perform a mix of straight-ahead jazz and Allen's original material.

"We play a lot of upbeat, happy, high-energy stuff," Allen says. "We love to get the audience involved and give a fun, positive kind of show."

Northsiders can bring blankets and chairs but no food or drinks. The restaurant and adjoining Caffe Christina will sell pizza, wings, burgers, salmon, salads and other limited menu items for \$2.50-\$14. Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages also will be served.

No pets are allowed.

For more information, contact Villa Christina, 4000 Summit Blvd., Dunwoody, at 404-303-0133, [www.villachristina.com](http://www.villachristina.com).

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## The lineup

► Tammy Allen and the Colors of Jazz featuring Antoine Knight on saxophone opens the free Summer Jazz series at Villa Christina on Sunday.

► Kompani (pronounced company), featuring Brian Clay, Pamela Best and guest saxophonist Pamela Williams, performs July 30. The group plays tunes by singers Anita Baker and Jonathan Butler, pianist Joe Sample and other artists familiar to jazz lovers.

► Keyboardist William Green and friends play contemporary jazz Aug. 27.

► Trumpeter Joey Sommerville blends be-bop and soul sounds Sept. 24.

► Latin Jazz ensemble Rio Negro closes out the series Oct. 22.



Courtesy of Tammy Allen

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