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Wilson gives back to the community.

(October 9, 2008—Rochester, NY) As of Friday, October 10th we are lowering the ticket prices for the Jazz for the Park benefit concert to \$15 (Preferred Ticket) and \$10 (Regular Ticket). We extend this offer to the community at large. During this economic hard time Wilson Commencement Park wants to enable its supporters to come out and enjoy an evening of great jazz with Kurt Elling and Ernie Watts. By purchasing Jazz for the Park Tickets you will not only enjoy a great show, you will also contribute to help the low-income single parent families and children to reach their dreams. The show is at 7 p.m. on Oct 19 at the Eastman Theatre.

Grammy-nominated and winner of multiple DownBeat and JazzTimes critics' polls, Kurt Elling pays homage to the 1963 recording "Dedicated To You" which marked the only time John Coltrane ever collaborated with a vocalist and romantic balladeer Johnny Hartmann. Kurt Elling, the preeminent male jazz singer of our time, now creatively re-imagines this legendary recording and brings aboard saxophone legend and two-time Grammy award winner Ernie Watts, who delivers his own rich tenor sound filled with soul and warmth, demonstrating why he has been asked to perform on over 500 albums by everyone from Zappa to Thelonius Monk.

Proceeds from this event will enhance the programs and services at Wilson Commencement Park in Rochester. The Park has 50 townhouse and 18 apartments called Destiny where single-parent families can transition from poverty to self-sufficiency. Family support services help adults achieve personal and professional goals, while the accredited Early Learning Center helps children achieve success in school and in life.

The presenting Jazz for the Park sponsor is Senator James Alesi. To order tickets call Ticketmaster at (585) 232-1900 or Wilson Commencement Park at (585) 263-7938. Ticket prices are \$10 for general seating, \$15 for preferred seating, and \$85 for patron tickets (which includes a patron reception at Max of Eastman Place immediately following the concert). For more information visit www.jazzforthepark.org.

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