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The Flynn Announces Saxophonist Lakecia Benjamin as the Curator of the 40th Burlington Jazz Festival

Festival opens with Grammy-winning singer Samara Joy

BURLINGTON, VT — From June 7-11, 2023, Vermont celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Burlington Jazz Festival, produced by the Flynn and presented by New England Federal Credit Union. The Flynn is thrilled to welcome incredible alto saxophonist, bandleader, and educator Lakecia Benjamin as this year's festival curator. Lakecia Benjamin has graced the cover of some of the biggest jazz magazines around, including recent issues of *Jazz* and *JazzTimes*, hot on the heels of her acclaimed new star-studded album, *Blackbird*. She is a white-hot rising star in the jazz world right now, and *JazzTimes* makes this clear, with high-profile contributions from Georgia Anne Muldrow, Patrice Rushen, Angela Davis, Wayne Shorter, and more. "Hustle and ingenuity have defined Benjamin's career," reads a recent *JazzTimes* profile, "and her strong will, warmth, and down-to-earth persona come through in the music."

The festival kicks off with a performance by newly-minted 2023 multi-Grammy-winner (for Best New Artist and Best Jazz Vocal Album) Samara Joy on the Flynn Main Stage on Wednesday, June 7. Samara Joy is considered the voice of the next genera

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