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REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, May 15, 2009 --- JazzFest Regina 2009, in conjunction with our major venue sponsor, the Regina Inn, and our exclusive radio sponsor, Rawlco Radio (94.5 Jack FM, NewsTalk 980 CJME, and Z99 FM), and along with the City of Regina, is pleased to announce that **Chris Potter Underground** will be the featured headliner act for the Saturday June 27, 2009 performance at the Regina Inn Hotel and Convention Centre.

Saxophonist Chris Potter has been pushing the limits of the saxophone since his entrance to the jazz scene. Potter created the Underground band as a vehicle for his explorations in improvisation and composition. Though the band has only been around for a short time, it has proven to be one of the most engaging and far-reaching ensembles around. The new recording, *Follow the Red Line*, documents the band in its element, a live performance at the famed Village Vanguard, and expands upon their previous release, *Underground* (Sunnyside 2006). The band consists of young stalwarts Craig Taborn (keyboards), Adam Rogers (guitar) and Nate Smith (drums).

In addition to Chris Potter Underground, JazzFest Regina 2009 features the legendary Mose Allison Trio, and Juno Award winning trombonist /pianist/composer Hugh Fraser and VEJI (Vancouver Ensemble of Jazz Improvisation), a 12-piece band, along with 12 other jazz groups over this three-day, power-packed summer jazz festival in the heart of Regina's Downtown area.

About The Regina Jazz Society

The Regina Jazz Society was incorporated in 1989 as a not-for-profit charitable corporation, and has been staging jazz performances in Regina since 1977. The mandate of the Regina Jazz Society is to encourage, to promote, and to provide a forum for the appreciation of the diversity of jazz music for musicians and enthusiasts alike. The Regina Jazz Society has staged an average of 13 live jazz performances each season during the 1999 through 2008 performance seasons. Performances are normally held at either Le Bistro or the Regina Inn, with special performances held at the Casino Regina venue. The Regina Jazz Society commemorated the Saskatchewan Centennial in 2005 by publishing "The Jazz Province: The Story of Jazz in Saskatchewan" written by Ken Mitchell and by hosting the concert "The Jazz Province: A Celebration in Music" highlighting the history of jazz in our province featuring renowned jazz artists from Saskatchewan including P J Perry, Gord Foote, Jon Ballantyne, Tilden Webb, Ted Warren, Trent Reschny, Andrea Menard, Pat Steel and Jack Semple. JazzFest Regina 2009 is the first annual summer jazz festival presented by the Regina Jazz Society.

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