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**Come for a Little Groovin' in the Garden at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts
Friday, November 8, 2019, 7 PM**

**This Year's Outdoor Concert to Feature NBC's *The Voice* Season 15 Finalist and
Native Alabamian Kirk Jay**

Montgomery, AL, October 18, 2019- The Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts' Junior Executive Board is hosting the first-ever *Groovin' in the Garden* in the Museum's John and Joyce Caddell Sculpture Garden. Join us for live performances by the Coleman Woodson Group, Souled Out Groove, and Kirk Jay & Kuntry Funk, on Friday, November 8, 2019. The gates open at 6 PM and the show starts at 7 PM. This event promises to be an evening of soulful performances starting with smooth jazz, transitioning into rhythm and blues, and ending with country music with a funky twist! Sponsored by UAB School of Medicine-Montgomery Campus, media sponsors Cumulus Radio and iHeart Radio, and VIP beverage sponsor Pine Bar, this event is a celebration of the arts—an array of musical stylings in a setting filled with a spectacular variety of sculpture—designed to entice the River Region's music and art lovers during an evening out at their Museum!

Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Attendees are required to have a valid ID to purchase alcohol. No coolers, outside food, or drink are permitted. Guests are encouraged to come early and bring their blankets and lawn chairs. This is a rain-or-shine event.

Tickets are on sale now; general admission tickets are \$15 and VIP tickets are \$50. After November 1, 2019, general admission is \$20, and VIP is \$60. The VIP package includes food and drink plus a meet-and-greet with band members before the show.

Get your tickets now at mmfa.org. You can purchase general admission tickets only at the gate on the night of the concert using cash or credit card.

For more information, please call the Museum at 334.625.4333.

About the Musical Groups

Coleman Woodson Group

Coleman Woodson III is a well-known saxophonist and pianist. He is the founding member of the group from which American Idol's Ruben Studdard got his start in music. Woodson and other band members are known for their jam sessions in downtown Montgomery, which consists of jazz and blues music.

Souled Out Groove

This band's lineup of male and female vocalists, keyboards, guitar, bass, saxophone, and drums combines more than five decades of rhythm and blues, soul, and jazz that has a multi-generational audience captivated by their performances. This group's unique sound can fit in anywhere—bars, wedding receptions, balls, and parties. Under the leadership of musician and vocalist Terrence Baldwin, this band has gained quite a reputation in central Alabama's entertainment industry.

Kirk Jay & Kuntry Funk

Kirk Jay is from Bay Minette, Alabama. In 2014 he met Teddy Gentry, the bass player for the group Alabama. With Teddy as his mentor, Kirk began performing in open mic nights. His unique country sound allowed him to gain a strong following. After a short time, Kirk began playing with his band Kuntry Funk in bars around Montgomery. He recently appeared on Season 15 of NBC's The Voice where he was a member of Blake Shelton's team and came in third place in the finale.

History of Junior Executive Board

The Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts founded a **Junior Executive Board** in 2011 to promote membership and to build awareness among young professionals in the River Region. The Junior Executive Board targets community arts enthusiasts ages 25 to 40 and hosts events throughout the year.

About the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts

The Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts was founded in 1930 by a group of local artists as a place for both exhibiting art and providing a space for art education. The original intentions of the founders were to exhibit and teach, and to inspire and inform every action and activity at the Museum. Since 1988 the Museum has shared the 277-acre Blount Cultural Park with our partners across the lake at the celebrated Alabama Shakespeare Festival.

Today's Museum visitors stroll art-studded grounds and permanent collection galleries. They experience compelling changing exhibitions and learn about art while visiting the ArtWorks interactive gallery, making art in the bustling studios, or by participating in other engaging events and programs. Museum visitors can now relax and recharge in the serenity of our stunning new three-acre John and Joyce Caddell Sculpture Garden, celebrating its first anniversary in September 2019.

While the Museum's collection is still home to the art of many of the regional artists who first established it, it has also become known for its strength in American Art and Old Master Prints. Recently, important acquisitions of art made by African-American and Asian artists and works inspired by images and themes related to the experiences of these groups represent the breadth and depth of the lives and concerns of those who now call the River Region home. Through the exhibition of this work, as well as the programs and events that help connect our communities with it, the Museum is recognized as a leading arts and cultural resource here in the state and the Southeastern region.

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General Information

What: Groovin' in the Garden
When: Friday, November 8, 2019, at 7 PM
Where: Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts
Wynton M. Blount Cultural Park
One Museum Drive
Montgomery, AL 36117

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