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Highmount, NY – KJ Denhart brings her unique “urban folk and jazz” to the Belleayre Music Festival on Friday, July 29 and Global Noize follows on Saturday, July 30 with a mesmerizing blend of jazz, world music and electronica. Both shows start at 8 p.m.

The double-header weekend marks the opening of Belleayre’s Catskill Mountain Jazz Series. Held in the intimate setting of the Belleayre Jazz Club in the Overlook Lodge, the shows offer genre-breaking music that is both complex and accessible. General admission tickets are \$26 for each show.

Singer and guitarist KJ Denhart returns to the Belleayre Jazz Club where she gave a spellbinding performance in her first visit to the venue three years ago.

KJ’s music will move you to laugh, to dance and even to cry. Her talents have earned her four Independent Music Award nominations and in 2009, she was named as one of Jazz.com’s top female vocalists.

She has appeared at scores of festivals and has residencies at the “55 Bar” Smoke in NYC, at the Baz Bar in St. Barth’s and at the prestigious Umbria Jazz Festival in Italy.

Her latest release, “Album No. 9,” is a collection of ’60s jazz, pop and rock standards. Consistently praised for her pathos, originality and impeccable musicianship, KJ is a one-of-a-kind songwriter, guitarist and performer, not to be missed.

Global Noize is a hip and eclectic musical journey that blasts away all boundaries — an organic, free-spirited sonic brew of some of the best elements of jazz, funk, electronica and world fusion. This glorious amalgamation is truly music without borders. The Jazz Club has never heard anything like this.

Cooking up this wild concoction are keyboardist extraordinaire Jason Miles (Miles Davis and Luther Vandross) and turntable guru DJ Logic, who has collaborated with such diverse artists as Phish and Vernon Reid. In addition, the group now has Indian vocal diva Falu as a full-time member.

Global Noize takes listeners on an imaginative, free-wheeling journey into musical exploration. Enjoy the ride.

Jazz Series continues

- Friday, Aug. 5 at 8 p.m.: Belleayre Jazz Club – Young Lion of the Saxophone Ravi Coltrane Quartet
- Saturday, Aug. 6 at 8 p.m.: The Music of Miles Davis – Celebrating 50 Years of ‘Kind of Blue’ with Jimmy Cobb’s “So What Band” featuring: Larry Willis, Buster Williams, Javon Jackson, Vince Herring and 27-year-old trumpet sensation and Grammy nominee Christian Scott.
- Saturday, Aug. 13 at 8 p.m.: Country Music Superstar Clint Black
- Saturday, Aug. 20 at 8 p.m.: Five-Time Grammy Winner Mary Chapin Carpenter
- Saturday, Aug. 27 at 8 p.m. An Evening of Breakout Stars — The Punch Brothers with special guest Jessica Lea Mayfield
- Saturday, Sept. 3 at 8 p.m.: Genre-busting banjo sensation Bela Fleck & The Flecktones – Original Lineup

Tickets & contact

All shows begin at 8 p.m. For tickets or additional information, please call 800 942-6904, ext. 1344 or visit: www.belleayremusic.org or e-mail: festival@catskill.net.

For information on where to stay, dine, shop or to simply enjoy the great outdoors when you're in town for the Belleayre Music Festival, please visit: www.catskillhighpeaks.com, www.ulstertourism.info or www.greatwesterncatskills.com.

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Belleayre Music Festival concerts are held on the grounds of Belleayre Mountain in Highmount.

Belleayre Mountain is located in the heart of New York's Catskill Mountain region. The area is located just off Route 28 and is 37 miles west of Thruway Exit 19 at Kingston; 55 miles southeast of Oneonta on Route 28; 40 miles from the Route 17 exit at Roscoe; and 95 miles southwest of Albany and just two hours north of NYC.

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