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## **The Jazz Loft's Equity Brass Band Part of State Park's Centennial Celebration**

*Live Jazz at Heckscher Park in East Islip, June 22, along  
with food, games and fun*

*Stony Brook, NY*-The Jazz Loft's Equity Brass band will be part of a massive celebration this summer as New York State Parks turn 100! Celebrations will take place throughout the state parks system. The Equity Brass Band will be performing on June 22 at Heckscher State Park, located at 1 Heckscher State Parkway in East Islip.

The day's festivities, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., will include games, food, vintage cars, historical photos and of course, live jazz! The Equity Brass Band features The Jazz Loft founder Tom Manuel on cornet; Rod Borrie on trombone; Ray Anderson on tuba; Eric Kay on clarinet; Vinny Raniolo on banjo; and Darrell Smith on drums.

Across the state through 2024, New York will commemorate the state park centennial with hundreds of community celebrations, performances and special events led by the state park and historic site staff, the State Council of Parks and Park and Historic Site Friends Groups. There will be a new Centennial Challenge to encourage visitors to try a variety of new activities as they enjoy the parks and historic sites, special discounts on park admission fees and new opportunities to

volunteer and promote park stewardship. State Parks will collect and share stories and photographs from the public to celebrate the memories made during the last century, as well as a new line of Centennial-themed New York State Parks merchandise from the parks store. New Yorkers can visit [parks.ny.gov/100](https://parks.ny.gov/100) to learn more about the Centennial.



*Photo Courtesy of The Jazz Loft*

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