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Music fills the air at Chaz on the Plaza

Live music plays a central role in the dining experience at Chaz on the Plaza. It also serves as a distinguishing feature for the historic Raphael Hotel's signature restaurant and lounge. "Chaz on the Plaza is intimate and relaxed, a great environment where friends may enjoy a fine meal," says Steve Miller, director of operations. "Music enhances their experience." Local and regional artists are featured live in the Chaz lounge nightly and during Weekend Jazz Brunch from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The format presents a variety of performance styles and genres of music. The emphasis is on original compositions. Recorded music, including original recordings from featured performers, are broadcast through the restaurant's sound system during non-live hours of operation. "We want Kansas City to think of Chaz as a music room," says Miller. "Chaz is about showcasing the diversity of musical talent that comprises this vibrant artistic community." Jazz receives top billing due to Kansas City's historical role as an incubator of jazz, but other genres being featured include blues, classical, rock and pop. The variety allows for visitors and local patrons to experience a larger body of Kansas City sound—music that is real, being created and performed by local artists. Several of the artists perform acoustically. "Acoustic music fits with The Raphael's heritage for originality," says Miller. "The technique gives a purer, more authentic sound to the instrumentation and certain literature."

In addition to live music in the lounge, Chaz on the Plaza features live entertainment, small plate appetizers and beverage service outdoors on The Raphael's courtyard terrace Fridays and Saturdays from 4-7 p.m., weather permitting, May through September. Different ensembles rotate throughout the season, performing a diverse range of styles, including blues, classical, jazz, pop, rhythm & blues, rock and show tunes.

Performer schedules online @ raphaelkc.com/calendar

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