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Show

By 4:00, a game Joeseph Carter III was ready to go head to head with the weather. Playing selections from his new CD, STRAIGHT AHEAD BACKWARDS, he won the contest hands-down. Backed up by keyboardist Stu Waters and legendary drummer Walter Perkins, Carter generated enough heat to burn off the cloud cover. His mix of jazz and blues, combined with a good-natured flair for showmanship soon had the Courtyard back in business.

With the sun firmly in place, and a warm golden glow settling over the day, the great Joe Puma brought Saturday's show to a graceful, swinging, yet introspective close. Playing an almost obligatory "Here's That Rainy Day," he and guitarist Vinnie Corrao proved that good things are well worth waiting for.