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The 2009 Edmonton International Jazz Festival and  
Dead Ends & Detours present

# THE DEREK TRUCKS BAND

to light the JazzFest fuse!

The **Derek Trucks Band** brings a highly anticipated concert to the **Winspear Centre** Thursday, **June 25**, lighting the fuse for the **Edmonton International Jazz Festival**. Edmonton guitarist and songwriter **Rachelle Van Zanten** opens the show, which is **co-produced** by the **Edmonton International Jazz Festival** and **Dead Ends and Detours**. Tickets **on sale Friday, April 24**, at the **Winspear Centre Box Office**, call **780-428-1414** or visit [www.winspearcentre.com](http://www.winspearcentre.com).

One of the finest guitar players of his generation, Trucks returns to the city after his debut Edmonton-area show quickly sold out Festival Place in June 2007. Touring his latest release, the critically-acclaimed ***Already Free***, Trucks is considered not only a brilliant improviser, serious composer and tunesmith, but also the leader of one of the most explosive and progressive bands touring today.

Trucks tours with longtime bandmates, drummer **Yonrico Scott**, bassist **Todd Smallie**, singer **Mike Mattison**, percussionist **Count M'Butu**, and keyboard player and flautist **Kofi Burbridge**. Whether he and his musical companions dip into an original piece, a Bob Dylan song, or a classic John Coltrane composition, the band sculpts performances nothing short of sensational, combining global beats and jazz influences with the blues-based rock sounds created in his backyard.

About to celebrate his 30th birthday, the Jacksonville, FL native has released a string of recordings, ***Songlines*** and ***Soul Serenade*** among them, that earned him a reputation as the most gifted and visionary slide guitar player of his generation - possibly the last 40 years. He has recorded memorable sides with many of his blues, soul, and world beat heroes and mentors, including **Buddy Guy**, **David Sanborn**, **Solomon Burke**, **Rahat Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan**, as well as **Toots and The Maytals**. He also spent considerable time on the road as a foil in **Eric Clapton's** road band in 2007, and maintains his decade-long membership in the **Allman Brothers Band**.

**Tickets for the Derek Trucks Band** range from **\$44 to \$54.50**, plus GST and service charges. Student and senior discounts are available.

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Stay tuned! **Final line-up details** about the **Edmonton International Jazz Festival** (EIJF) are out **Tuesday, April 28!** EIJF runs June 26 to July 05, 2009. For more information, please visit [www.edmontonjazz.com](http://www.edmontonjazz.com).