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Hot music happening across New Jersey

The Jazz Arts Project also has booked a solid smorgasbord of performers into weekend concerts at the Two River Theater, 21 Bridge Ave., Red Bank.

The concerts begin at 8 p.m. Saturday with Hendrik Meurkens, a brilliant, German-raised harmonica player who specializes in Brazilian jazz who's also quite funny. Meurkens and his crew specialize in samba jazz and usually include great Brazilian jazz composers such as Antonio Carlos Jobim, Joao Gilberto and Gilberto Gil in their sets.

Meurkens comes back to the theater at 8 p.m. Sunday. Vocalese jazz stylist-singer Paul Jost and his quartet perform at Two River Theater at 8 p.m. July 14 and 15, and the acclaimed young violinist Aaron Weinstein performs with his small group on July 21 and 22.

The Summer Jazz Café wraps up July 28 and 29 with a program called "Jazz Legends and Lions," which will include veteran saxophonist Bruce Williams leading the faculty quartet with Jazz Arts Academy students.

Tickets are \$28, \$10 for students, and are available at the box office or by calling 732-345-1400.