Richie Havens will give tonight's Jazz in the Garden concert (Thursday, August 22) at The Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, at 8:30.

This summer's Jazz in the Garden series, directed by Ed Bland, features a variety of contemporary musical styles including some of the various attempts at synthesizing jazz and rock. The concert to have been given by the Clark Terry Quintet on June 27 was cancelled because of rain, and has been rescheduled for August 27.

The entire Museum is open Thursday evening until 10 throughout the summer. The regular Museum admission, $1.50, admits visitors to galleries and to 8 p.m. film showings in the Auditorium; there is no charge for Museum members. Admission to jazz concerts is an additional 75 cents for members and public.

As in previous Jazz in the Garden concerts, tickets for each concert are on sale in the Museum lobby from the preceding Saturday until the time of the Thursday evening performance. A few chairs are available on the garden terraces, but most of the audience stands or sits on the ground. Cushions may be rented for 25 cents. Beer and sandwiches are available for concert patrons. When a concert is cancelled because of rain, tickets are honored for the following Thursday. Other Museum activities continue as announced.

Richie Havens' voice has a throbbing huskiness, suffused with rich and sweet melancholy. A surging sense of affirmation cuts through the mystical gentleness of his music, as it leads the listener down the path of self-awareness.

Richie Havens is known for his fresh and distinctive interpretations of standard materials as well as the originals in his repertoire.

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