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Railroad Museum Gets into a Jazzy Spirit with Music Aboard Trains & Free Admission to Sacramento Jazz Festival & Jubilee Badge Holders *Special Jazz Related Activities at Railroad Museum -- May 28-31*

SACRAMENTO – Coinciding with the 37th Annual Sacramento Jazz Festival & Jubilee happening over Memorial Day weekend in Old Sacramento, the California State Railroad Museum will offer jazz musicians performing inside the Museum, aboard popular steam train excursion rides and even complimentary admission to event badge holders all four days. With several music venues located in close proximity to the Railroad Museum and a special free Children’s Stage and activity area just outside the Museum in the “1849 Scene,” a visit to the Railroad Museum extends the weekend enjoyment for all ages.

Inside the Museum, jazz musicians are scheduled to perform Friday through Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Monday from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Museum guests will be treated to various banjo combinations and, on Sunday, a performance by the popular Blue Street Jazz Band. Guests who choose to take a lovely six-mile, 40-minute roundtrip excursion train ride along the levees of the Sacramento River will also be entertained by talented banjo performers from the Sacramento Banjo Band.

Offered all four days of the Sacramento Jazz Festival & Jubilee (May 28-31), tickets for the Sacramento Southern Railroad excursion trains are available on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Sacramento Southern Railroad ticket office, located on Front Street between “J” and “K” Streets in Old Sacramento. Trains depart hourly beginning at 11 a.m. from the Central Pacific Railroad Freight Depot in Old Sacramento (located on Front Street between J and K Streets). The train features a combination of vintage closed coaches with comfortable seats, and open-air “gondolas” with bench style seating. Regular excursion train tickets are \$8 adults, \$3 youths (ages 6-17), ages 5 and under ride free. For passengers desiring a ride aboard the first-class car *El Dorado*--a beautifully restored 1920s lounge observation car which offers large picture windows, plush seating and air conditioning--tickets are \$15 per person. Passengers may purchase tickets earlier in the day for a later train departure that same day. However, the only advance reservations accepted are for groups desiring exclusive use of the first-class car *El Dorado* (for a flat usage fee regardless of group size) which must be made two weeks in advance by calling 916-445-3145.

Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the non-profit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, the California State Railroad Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day. Widely regarded as North America’s finest and most popular railroad museum, the complex of facilities includes the 100,000-square foot Railroad History Museum plus the reconstructed Central Pacific Railroad Passenger Station and Freight Depot,

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1849 Eagle Theatre, and Big Four and Dingley Spice Mill commercial buildings in Old Sacramento. For 24-hour information, visit www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org or call (916) 445-6645.

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