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Greetings from Chocolate Rice Smooth Jazz & R&B Band!



We hope your summer has gotten off to a sizzling start. The summer festival season kicked off for CR at the 3rd annual King of the County BBQ Challenge and Music Festival in Martinez on June 20th. It was a great time and thanks to those of you who came out. Who knew "Smooth Jazz" could get people up out of their seats and shaking their tail feathers? Well, actually, CR did when we decided to mix Smooth Jazz with a healthy dose of R&B and Funk, and that's a big part of why we do what we do. Not to be outdone by Martinez, the folks in Concorde came out in force to the Old South BBQ on June 27th to get their groove on. Special thanks at both of these gigs go out to some special guest performers - Al Heard (percussion), Kenny Harrison and Tommy Nunley (vocals). The groove continues in July - again at the Old South on the 25th, and at Festa Italiana in San Mateo on the 26th. We hope you'll catch one or both performances. More information is below.



Festa Italiana

Since we've been performing alot in the East Bay recently, we wanted to highlight a free outdoor gig we'll be doing on the Peninsula at San Mateo's Festa Italiana on July 26th from noon - 1pm. We'll be laying down the groove on Stage 2, so make plans to be there. You can find more info about the festival and music [here](#).

Upcoming Events

- Sat, July 25, 7- 10pm, Old South BBQ & Desserts (Concord)
- Sun, July 26, 12 - 1pm, Festa Italiana Community Street Fair (San Mateo)
- Sat, September 26, 2009 A Taste of Antioch (Antioch)

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Yours musically,

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