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**JAZZ AND BLUES IN THE VINES WITH SEALINK THIS LABOUR WEEKEND**

Jazz and Blues will be echoing through the vines this Labour Weekend and SeaLink as one of the main sponsors is offering travellers a great day trip deal.

“For people taking their car to Waiheke Island for the day on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>, the driver will travel for free, paying only for their car” said General Manager Donna Gauci “this is a great saving of \$30, making for a fantastic day out on Waiheke Island. Having the convenience of one’s own car makes it even better!” said Ms Gauci.

Festival organiser Briar Ross has an exciting weekend of activity lined up including jazz at five locations across the island on Saturday and Sunday between 10am and 4:30pm as well as concerts at Artworks each evening. A Dixie-type band will stroll through Oneroa village between 12noon and 4pm each day to add to the atmosphere of the weekend and a finale is planned for Monday at Mudbrick between 11am – 4pm.

Jazz entry is \$30 per day if prepaid and tickets may be purchased from [www.iticket.co.nz](http://www.iticket.co.nz) Three day passes can also be purchased for \$60 per person.

SeaLink is also offering package options for people wanting to make a weekend of it and remind people to book early. “We are looking forward to a busy weekend and we are feeling very positive in the lead-up to the coming summer” said Mrs Gauci. SeaLink recently launched a TV campaign and a new website and have just produced their SeaLink Holidays brochure for the coming year. “Waiheke Island is certainly being exposed extensively as a result of our investment and we look forward to reaping the returns over the summer months.”

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For more information please see [www.sealink.co.nz](http://www.sealink.co.nz) or [www.waihekejazzandblues.co.nz](http://www.waihekejazzandblues.co.nz) or contact

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