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HARLEM-BASED PAZANT BROTHERS

AND SOUL SINGER BETTY BARNEY

PERFORM IN MUSEUM GARDEN

The Harlem-based Pazant Brothers and soul singer Betty Barney, from Bedford Stuyvesant, will perform in the Jazz in the Garden series at The Museum of Modern Art on Thursday, August 13, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The Pazant Brothers -- Alvin on trumpet and brother Edward on reeds and flute -- began studying music at the age of six. After graduation from college (Alvin from Florida A & M and Edward from Virginia State College) they played with Lionel Hampton and his Band. They have performed in several clubs and concerts around New York City, and Alvin currently teaches music in the New York Public School system. The Pazant Brothers record for RCA and GWP Records.

Betty Barney, a soul singer with a three-and-a-half octave range, varies in description from a "blues shouter" to an "African earth mother full of soul." From a strong musical background, she entered City College and majored in Business Administration under the advice of her musician father. After graduation, she worked with the Youth and Work Program of PAL, sponsored by the Office of Economic Opportunity. She performed with the Agoromma Dancers of the African Cultural Group, and appeared on Inside Bedford Stuyvesant presenting a program of traditional Ghanian music and dance. Miss Barney records for GWP Records.

The Jazz in the Garden series, headed by Program Director Ed Bland, continues with Thursday evening performances through August 27. This year the sound system is by Jack Weisberg Associates. Admission to the concert is \$1.00 in addition to the regular Museum entrance fee (\$1.75, members free). Tickets go on sale the Saturday before the concert, and are available until concert time. In case of rain, concert is cancelled.

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