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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## Ocean County Library Jackson Branch to Feature Florian Schantz Combo in African-American Jazz Program

**JACKSON** – Celebrate Juneteenth with a special program of early African-American Jazz performed by the Florian Schantz Jazz Combo, 2 PM Saturday, June 18 at the Ocean County Library Jackson Branch.

The program will feature selections that span nearly 50 years of popular music, from the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century through the early Swing Era of the 1930s and 1940s.

Approaching age 20, award-winning trumpeter Florian Schantz is a 10-year show business veteran. He has performed more than 600 engagements, including over 100 libraries, in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Germany.

Primarily known for the blazing, soulful trumpet that launched him into four bands by age 11, Florian additionally plays 14 other brass, wind, and reed instruments, and dabbles in electronics with a theremin.

The combo, which Florian first formed at age nine, currently includes trombonist and tuba player Rup Chattopadhyay, flugelhorn player Margaret Schantz, guitarist Lowell Schantz, and drummer Corey Ackerman.

Registration at <a href="https://www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events">www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events</a> is required to attend this free event, suitable for audiences of all ages. For more information, visit the Jackson Branch, 2 Jackson Drive, or call (732) 928-4400.

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Florian Schantz



Florian Schantz Jazz Combo

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