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## Starting tonight: Seelbach Hilton turns Rathskellar into 'Jazz Hideaway,' with Dick Sisto Trio

by Staff (<http://insiderlouisville.com/author/staffreporter/>)

The Seelbach Hilton is turning their Rathskellar, which really was a jazz hideaway in the 1920s, into a weekend jazz club.

"Jazz Hideaway" is a free but limited series of performances by Dick Sisto Trio (<http://www.dicksisto.com/>) in the hotel's lower level Rathskellar.

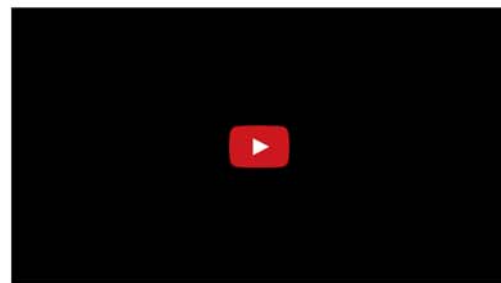
There's no cover charge for the limited time engagement, planned for three consecutive Friday evenings – tonight, next Friday, Sept. 20 and September 27.

Sisto & Company sets play two sets each night: 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., according to the release.

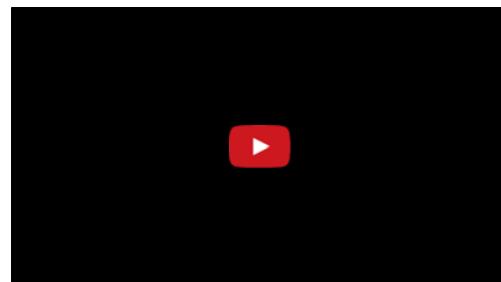
And not to take anything away from Dick Sisto, who's one of the top vibraphonist in the United States, but the Rathskellar itself is worth the trip, one of most astounding spaces in Louisville.

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Dick Sisto



It looks like it should be in a gothic German castle, not on the lower floor of a Kentucky luxury hotel. And there's probably \$10 million worth of Rookwood ceramics on the walls and ceiling.



From the news release about the shows:

The Seelbach's Rathskellar was once considered the city's hub for jazz from the early 1900s to the 1940s. The unique room was constructed in 1907 of handmade Rookwood Pottery and features a spectacular red-tinted, terra-cotta ceiling.

The Bavarian-style room is the only surviving ensemble of its kind in the world. With its unique acoustics and delicate tile wall designs, the Rathskellar offers an ideal medieval setting to enjoy great American and Jazz classics.

"The Rathskellar was a staple in this city's jazz scene during the roaring 1920s and this will be a great opportunity to pair our history with an incredibly talented group of performers. We invite the entire community to join us," he said, said Chris Crider, General Manager at The Seelbach Hilton.

No reservations are necessary for the performances and a menu featuring lighter fare. A cash bar will be available.

For additional information, [see the Seelbach website here \(http://www.seelbachhilton.com/\)](http://www.seelbachhilton.com/)

**About The Seelbach Hilton** Since its opening in 1905, the Seelbach Hilton has been Louisville's most prestigious hotel for business events and social gatherings. The 321-room four-star property is an architectural masterpiece and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Seelbach is also home to The Oakroom, a culinary jewel and the only AAA Five-Diamond restaurant in Kentucky.



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