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"JAZZ RECITAL", STARRING CHARLIE BYRD, RETURNS TO WMAL-TV SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

"Jazz Recital," last season's acclaimed musical show starring Charlie Byrd, internationally celebrated classic guitarist, will return to WMAL-TV, Saturday, September 19, and will be seen each week in the Saturday, 2:30-3:00 pm, time period.

The weekly jazz showcase will star The Charlie Byrd Trio, with Charlie Byrd, guitarist, Keter Betts on bass and cello, and Bertell Knox on drums. Special guests on the premiere show will be vocalist Ginny (Mrs. Charlie) Byrd, and Buck Hill, saxaphonist.

Musicologist Felix Grant will be host and narrator. His program notes will be designed to be understood by the initiate to the world of modern music.

"Jazz Recital" made its debut on WMAL-TV in January, 1958, and was hailed by critics and viewers as "a musical show unequalled on television."

On a concert tour last year, Byrd scored with jazz enthusiasts in England and Arabia. His nightly appearances at Washington's Showboat Club have become so popular that the management is currently doubling the size of the room. Byrd's career is profiled in the current issue (Sept. 10) of Time magazine.

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A native of Virginia, Byrd began his professional career with the Freddie Slack and the Barbara Carroll groups. He has been featured with the National Symphony Orchestra as soloist, and his original compositions have been used by Danny Kaye and the Katherine Dunham dance troupe. Byrd has recorded six albums, three for Savoy, and one each for Riverside, Roulette and Off-Beat.
