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JAZZ SERIES CONTINUES TO HEAT UP HARTFORD'S SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

Hartford, Connecticut (February 10, 2012) — Hartford Public Library continues its enormously popular 2012 Baby Grand Jazz Series, Sunday afternoons. This free [jazz program](#) is held at the Downtown Library, 500 Main Street, at 3:00 p.m. and runs through April 29. The first four performances in January were attended by a record breaking 1,500 people.

Eri Yamamoto kicked off the series and delighted the audience with her artful simplicity and directness in lyrical expression. “At Baby Grand Jazz, I connect deeply with the audience through my music.”

On January 15 the UMOJA Quintet thrilled an overflow crowd at the Hartford Public Library. The group was co-led by two former students of The University of Hartford's Jackie McLean Institute of Jazz, alto saxophonist Yunie Mojica and trombonist Raynel Frazier. “Performing at the Baby Grand Jazz gives us the chance to bring our music to our community and show the community how they reflect in our playing as well as in our music.”

January 22 welcomed Larry Gareau. “The Baby Grand Jazz Series is a great example of the Hartford Public Library functioning as a cultural center in Hartford. I also like making lots of noise in the library!”

The month’s performances ended with Ed Fast entertained the audience with a frenzy of Latin jazz featuring his vibraphone.

Margaux Hayes, an assiduous jazz fan said it best: “The Library’s Baby Grand Jazz Series feeds the heart, soul, and mind of the community.”

Taino Pacheco performed on February 5. Other upcoming jazz artists scheduled to perform are Sinan Bakir on February 12, Goza Brazilian Jazz on February 19, Ricky Alfonso on February 26, and Jeff Wieselberg on March 4.

For more information visit www.hplct.org and click on Baby Grand Jazz.

About Hartford Public Library

The Hartford Public Library traces its roots to 1774. It operates 10 locations in the City of Hartford. The Library receives more than 860,000 visits per year. Services include access to a large collection of materials for reading and research, as well as music and video. Programs provide education, information and enrichment to the people of Hartford in such areas as citizenship training, literacy, business skills and cultural awareness. The mission of Hartford Public Library is to provide free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration.

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