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High-Caliber Talent Fills the Lineup for Hartford Public Library's 2015 Baby Grand Jazz Series



2015 Baby Grand Jazz Series headliner Eli Yamin performs with an all-star ensemble at New York City's Lincoln Center (photo via eliyamin.com)

Hartford, Connecticut (October 27, 2014)- Hartford Public Library announced today the schedule of performers for its 12th Annual Baby Grand Jazz Series sponsored by The Charles H. Kaman Charitable Foundation, a free, 16-week concert series held each Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the Library's Downtown Atrium. This year's lineup comprises world-class regional and local talent and a variety of jazz styles and cultures, ranging in size from intimate duos to full bands.

Presented in partnership with the Hartford Jazz Society and WWUH 91.3 F.M., Baby Grand Jazz is a unique, highly-anticipated annual event that magnifies the rich history of jazz in Hartford.

"We are thrilled to once again bring this fantastic series to Downtown Hartford this winter," said Matt Poland, chief executive officer for Hartford Public Library. "Baby Grand Jazz is a distinctive opportunity to be in a warm place with people of all ages and savor outstanding live music together. Music is universally enjoyed, and we're proud to showcase jazz, one of Hartford's most celebrated artistic traditions with all who wish to experience its captivating sound and melody."

The series will celebrate its return on Sunday, January 4th. Following the opening concert, there will be a ticketed reception with renowned pianist Eli Yamin and members of his quartet. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Baby Grand Jazz Series, and tickets will be available for purchase on December 1st at hplct.org.

The lineup for the 2015 Baby Grand Jazz Series is as follows:

Eli Yamin Jazz Quartet January 4

Nicholas Di Maria Quintet January 11

Eri Yamamoto Duo January 18

Tarantino/Terefenko Duo January 25

Jolie Rocke Brown February 1

Survivors Swing Band February 8

Steve Clarke Trio February 15

Mihoko Trio February 22

Laszlo Gardony Trio March 1

Matt DeChamplain March 8

Joshua Breakstone March 15

Jonny King Trio March 22

Alvin Carter Project: Confluence of Influence March 29

Curtis Brothers April 12

Brian Marsella Trio April 19

Hey Rim Jeon and Friends April 26

For detailed information on each performer, please visit <http://hplct.org/classes-seminars-exhibits/baby-grand-jazz/>.

This year, the series takes a reminiscent look back at the past 10 years of Baby Grand Jazz at Hartford Public Library with a special exhibit of photographs, paintings and fiber art. On display January 4th – through April 26, 2014, “The Best of Baby Grand Jazz: A Decade of Excellence” showcases the images of local artists specific to past performances from 2004-2014. Featured artists will include Joseph Chandler, Byron Dean, Darryl Z. Oates, Maurice Robertson, Wanda Selden & Ray Shaw. The exhibit is free and open to public during regular Library hours.

For more information on the Baby Grand Jazz Series presented by The Charles H. Kaman Charitable Foundation, please visit hplct.org.

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