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HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY'S BABY GRAND JAZZ SERIES RELOCATING TO CENTER CHURCH

Concerts moved after Downtown Library suffers water damage

(Hartford, CT) – Hartford Public Library's popular Baby Grand Jazz series will be held this year at Center Church (60 Gold St.), every Sunday at 3 p.m. from January 8th through April 23rd. The final performance on April 30th will take place at another location to be announced. The adjustments were made after the temporary closure of the Downtown Library due to water damage.

"We thank Center Church for accommodating our Baby Grand Jazz concert series and look forward to seeing everyone once again this season," **said Hartford Public Library President and CEO Bridget E. Quinn**. "I appreciate the hard work of HPL staff and our partners to ensure that this staple of the Hartford music scene will continue while the Downtown Library is under repair."

Seating will be first come, first seated, starting at 2 p.m. each Sunday. No registration is required. Concerts will continue to be streamed on Hartford Public Library's <u>Facebook page</u> and YouTube channel.

Parking: Street parking is available and free on weekends. Parking in the Hartford Parking Authority lot behind the Downtown Library is still available, a short walk away from Center Church. Find more information on directions to Center Church here.

Accessibility: The Center Church Meeting House is accessible to all. A wheelchair lift is located on the south side of the portico of the Meeting House (accessed via a ramp in the Memorial Garden – we recommend calling our performance coordinator, Jana, at 860-881-5646, when you arrive). Find more information about accessibility at Center Church here.

Baby Grand Jazz at Hartford Public Library is sponsored by the Kaman Foundation. Longtime partners include the Hartford Jazz Society and WWUH 91.3 FM. For more information, including

biographies of this season's performers, visit: www.hplct.org/classes-seminars-exhibits/baby-grand-jazz

2023 Season Schedule

Jan. 8: AA Team

Jan. 15: The Michelle Tucker Quintet
Jan. 22: UConn Jazz Faculty Ensemble
Jan. 29: The Blue River Jazz Band

Feb. 5: Ken Serio Quartet

Feb. 12: Caio e Jess

Feb. 19: Alden Hellmuth Quintet **Feb. 26:** Ladies Day Jazz Ensemble

March 5: Mixed Company

March 12: Zwelakhe-Duma Bell le Pere Quartet

March 19: Skyler Hagner Nonet March 26: Simón Willson Quartet

April 2: Michael Feinberg

April 16: Blackman Murray Russo

April 23: Sarah LeMieux's 'Jazz for the End of the World'

April 30: Matt Dwonszyk and the Dwonztet

About Hartford Public Library

With roots dating to 1774, Hartford Public Library remains at the forefront of redefining the urban library experience in the 21st century. With seven locations throughout the city, the library provides education, intellectual enrichment and cultural development for thousands of children, youth and adults every year. Hartford Public Library has also gained local and national recognition for its wide range of new initiatives and partnerships designed to meet the needs of a diverse and dynamic city and region, including immigration services, employment assistance and youth leadership training. www.hplct.org.