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HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY'S BABY GRAND JAZZ CELEBRATES 20 SEASONS

Baby Grand Jazz returns January 7, 2024 with support from The Kaman Foundation

(Hartford, CT) – Hartford Public Library's (HPL) popular Baby Grand Jazz Series will celebrate its 20th season with the support of a generous three-year sponsorship from The Kaman Foundation. The free series features accomplished jazz musicians and bands from around the region. In 2024, HPL will continue to host the Baby Grand Jazz series Sunday afternoons from January through April in the Center for Contemporary Culture (CCC) at the Downtown Library. The Kaman Foundation has been funding Baby Grand Jazz since 2015, and their sponsorship will support the successful concert series and provide for continued growth, fostering a love and appreciation for modern America's original art form, Jazz. Baby Grand Jazz is celebrating its 20th season in 2024 at the same time that the HPL will be celebrating our 250th anniversary year.



Support from The Kaman Foundation allows HPL to continue doing what it does best: connecting diverse audiences with a spectacular array of artists, and highlighting the diversity within the jazz genre itself. In addition to presenting accomplished regional performers, the Baby Grand Jazz series also features local ensembles; these musicians prove that Hartford is still a jazz city, and a veritable well of talent. The Hartford community celebrates homegrown talent and turns out in droves to support local legends and rising stars.

“As we look forward for to the next three years, Hartford Public Library continues to be committed to an inclusive selection process that will appeal to a wide range of attendees and introduce our community to the extensive musical talent in our region. We understand the importance of bringing in a diverse selection of bands to ensure all members of the community are represented,” said Bridget E. Quinn, HPL President and CEO. “The goal is to bring an array of voices, ranging in age, ethnicity, gender, and other backgrounds to be a part of Baby Grand Jazz family.”

The 2024 seasonal lineup pay homage to the past 20 years while celebrating the future of jazz. Baby Grand Jazz kicks off on January 7, 2024.

January 7 – Nat Reeves and Friends

January 14 – Angelina Kolobukhova Quartet

January 21 – John Kordalewski Trio

January 28 – Will Goble Quintet



February 28 – Trevor Watkis Trio
February 11 – Y3W +1
February 18 – Gianni Gardner Quintet
February 25 – Erez Aviram Ensemble

March 3 – Thread City Jazz Trio
March 10 – Andrew Wilcox Trio
March 17 – Nicole Zuraitis
March 24 – The Matt DeChamplain Quartet
March 31 – No Concert (Easter Sunday)

April 7 – Nino Ciampa & The Hartt Salsa All Stars
April 14 – Eric Mintel Quartet
April 21 – Rachel Therrien
April 28 – Haneef Nelson

This season, while construction is progressing within the Downtown Library, customers are asked to use the Arch Street entrance to access the CCC during Baby Grand Jazz. The doors are to open at 2:00 p.m. and the concerts are from 3:00-4:00 p.m., Sundays, January – April.

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, visit: www.hplct.org/classes-seminars-exhibits/baby-grand-jazz

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.

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