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2016 Baby Grand Jazz Series Lineup Announced



Colombian harp virtuoso and composer Edmar Castaneda brings South American traditions to the opening concert on the 2016 Baby Grand Jazz Series

Hartford, Connecticut (November 6, 2015)- Hartford Public Library announced today the schedule of performers for its 13th 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 consistently delivers a powerful and unapologetic sound that excites and thrills Hartford's audiences. When performers hit the stage, there are no boundaries. The only guarantee is an afternoon of world-class music."

The series will celebrate its return on Sunday, January 3rd. The lineup for the 2016 Baby Grand Jazz Series is as follows:

Edmar Castaneda – January 3

Sinan Bakir Quartet featuring Alex Nakhimovsky – January 10

Alon Nechushtan Trio – January 17

Ayako Higuchi - January 24

Abelita Mateus – January 31

Warren Byrd and Saskia Laroo with special guest vibraphonist Jay Hoggard – February 7

Taino Pacheco – February 14

Sylvia Mims Trio – February 21

Orquesta Espada – February 28

Lenore Raphael Duo – March 6

Jonathan Ball Quartet – March 13

The Colbys – March 20

Ray Gonzales Latin Jazz Quartet – April 3

Sambeleza – April 10

TRIchRO (formerly East West Trio) - April 17

Emery A. Smith – April 24

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

Concurrent with Baby Grand Jazz, the Library's **ArtWalk** will exhibit *Expressions in Sounds and Motion*. Hartford photographer Maurice Robertson explores the meditative qualities and the outward, flowing dynamism of musicians at play. His photo work is a love affair with jazz music and the quest for displaying the energy of performance of this art form. The exhibit opens January 22 until March 4, 2016 and can be visited during regular Library hours.

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