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## **January Performers Light Up Baby Grand Jazz Stage at Hartford Public Library**



*Pianist Eli Yamin will kick off an exciting season of live jazz at Hartford Public Library's Baby Grand Jazz 2015 Series.*

**Hartford, Connecticut (December 16, 2014) – Sunday, January 4th marks the opening performance of Hartford Public Library's 12th Annual Baby Grand Jazz Series, 16 weeks of free, world-class jazz concerts in Downtown Hartford, Sunday afternoons, January through April.** The highly-anticipated series features noted regional talent from New York City to Boston and throughout Connecticut, and blends traditional styles with new sounds in a celebration of the diversity of jazz culture.

The 2015 series kicks off with the **Eli Yamin Jazz Quartet on Sunday, January 4th at 3:00 p.m.** Yamin's exciting and imaginative piano playing has taken him and his group around the world, performing in renowned venues including President Obama's White House and New York City's Lincoln Center. Following the performance, a reception celebrating the series opener will offer concert-goers a chance to meet-and-greet with Yamin and the quartet, purchase CDs for signing, and enjoy refreshments by La

Petite France. Tickets for the reception are on sale now at [hplct.org](http://hplct.org) for \$20.00, and can be purchased at the door.

**The Nicholas Di Maria Quintet will grace the Baby Grand Jazz stage on Sunday, January 11th.** Di Maria is a Connecticut native, trumpeter, composer, producer, and educator. He has a Master's of Science in Music Education and is also a member of the talented Connecticut Ska Band, *For Serious*.

**January 18th brings to Hartford one of jazz's most original and compelling pianists and composers, Eri Yamamoto.** In 2013, Yamamoto released her first live CD, "Firefly", which evokes the natural beauty and tranquility of her native Japan while also bringing sounds of the vitality and energy of New York City.

**On Sunday, January 25, the native Connecticut Tarantino/Terefenko Duo will perform fresh takes on jazz standards and re-inventions of classical works, along with original music and improvisation.** The saxophone/piano duo released their first album, "Crossing Paths," in the fall of 2014, and will tour internationally in the spring of 2015.

Baby Grand Jazz 2015 is sponsored by The Charles H. Kaman Charitable Foundation. All performances are held at the Downtown Library, located at 500 Main Street, Hartford at 3:00 p.m. Concerts can also be viewed online via livestream by visiting [hplct.org](http://hplct.org). For more information on the series and these performers, please visit [hplct.org](http://hplct.org).

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