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Library's World of Sounds Music Series Funded by Evelyn W. Preston

Hartford, CT (May 10, 2016) — The Hartford Public Library will present World of Sounds 2016, seven outdoor concerts, supported by a \$4,000 grant from the Evelyn W. Preston Memorial Fund. All concerts are free.

Hartford Steel Symphony kicks off the series from 1:30-2:30 pm, Saturday, June 4, on the patio of the Downtown Library, 500 Main St. The symphony performs soca, calypso, reggae, pop, classical, gospel and jazz.

Goza Latina Band plays Monday, June 22, 6-7 pm, at Dwight Branch, 7 New Park Ave. The group performs Latin Jazz and dance rhythms of samba, rumba, cha-cha, salsa, flamenco, tango and bolero.

Negrura Peruana performs Wednesday, July 6, 6-7 pm, at Dwight Branch, 7 New Park Ave. The band plays the music and dances of Peru's African and criollo populations.

Caribbean Vibe Steel Drum Band performs Tuesday, Aug. 2, 6-7 pm, at Albany Branch, 1250 Albany Ave. The group plays pop favorites and island music.

White-Eyed Lizard Band performs Thursday, Aug. 11, 3-4 pm, at Albany Branch, 1250 Albany Ave. The combo plays music from the Caribbean, including Reggae and steel drum rhythms. The performance is part of the Library's Summer Learning Grand Finale celebration.

Da 4 Ah Wee, performs from noon to 1 pm, and **Crucial Massive** performs 3-4 pm, on Sunday, Aug. 14, as part of the Barry Square Community Day, in the parking lot of the Webster Theater, 31 Webster St. Library staff from the nearby Camp Field Branch will be on hand. Da 4 A Wee uses conga drums, tenor pan, double second pan, guitar pan, electric bass and drums to perform reggae, calypso, soca, gospel and R&B. Crucial Massive is a reggae band.

Trombeatz Latin Jazz Band performs Thursday, Sept. 15, noon to 1 pm, on the patio of the Downtown Library, 500 Main St. The band plans rumba, bomba, pena, salsa and Latin jazz.

The Evelyn W. Preston Memorial Fund was established in 1978 under the will of Evelyn Wallace Preston. The fund provides grants for music concerts during the months of June, July, August, and September in parks and other public places for the general public in the City of Hartford.

ABOUT HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

As a finalist for the 2013 and 2014 National Medal from the Institute for Museum and Library Services, Hartford Public Library has been recognized as national leader in redefining the urban public library in the 21st century as an innovative and stimulating place where people can learn and discover, explore their passions, and resources that contribute to a full life. Hartford Public Library provides free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration. In 2015 the 10 locations of the Hartford Public Library counted 722,047 visits from adults, children and families seeking early literacy opportunities, work skills training, civic engagement, arts enrichment, and so much more. Please visit www.hplct.org.

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