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**Roberta Flack to Replace Dianne Reeves  
at the June 12 DC Jazz Festival Concert at the Lisner Auditorium**

May 26, 2010: Washington, D.C. – The DC Jazz Festival (DCJF) today announced that celebrated vocalist Roberta Flack will replace her friend, vocalist, Dianne Reeves, at this year's festival. Due to a family medical emergency, Reeves, originally scheduled to perform at the Lisner Auditorium, along with trumpeter Roy Hargrove and his 19-piece big band on June 12, regrettably cancelled her appearance at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual DC Jazz Festival as well as a number of other performances on the East Coast.

Upon learning about Ms. Reeves' cancellation, DCJF Executive Producer immediately called his long-time friend, Roberta Flack, who graciously agreed to replace her fellow Grammy Award-winning friend. "Having Roberta Flack perform at the festival is an honor, and we are excitedly looking forward to her return to her hometown, Washington, D.C. to perform alongside some of the jazz genre's greatest musicians," said Fishman. "We extend best wishes to Dianne and her family, and look forward to another fantastic festival."

Discovered at the famed DC club, Mr. Henry's, on Capitol Hill, by legendary jazz pianist Les McCann, Flack's career ascended following her performance of "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face" for the soundtrack in Clint Eastwood's directorial debut, "Play Misty for Me." A recipient of a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Flack's originals "Killing Me Softly with His Song" and "Feel Like Makin' Love," among numerous others, are highly popular classics among music fans throughout the world. A Washington, D.C. native, Flack is a Howard University graduate and taught in the DC Public School system before the meteoric rise of her career.

Jazz at the Lisner includes two double-billed concerts on June 12: a free matinee concert featuring the dynamic Brazilian trumpeter Claudio Roditi and his quartet, and the Eddie Palmieri Latin Jazz Band at 3:30 p.m., followed by a ticketed concert with Flack and the Roy Hargrove Big Band, featuring vocalist Roberta Gambarini at 8:00 p.m.

**Additional resources**

- Purchase [tickets](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/dejf_tickets_information)  
([http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/dejf\\_tickets\\_information](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/dejf_tickets_information))
- See most updated performance [schedule](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/schedule_and_special_events)  
([http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/schedule\\_and\\_special\\_events](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/schedule_and_special_events))
- View DCJF [sponsor list](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/sponsors) (<http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/sponsors>)
- DC Jazz Festival [Hotel Package](http://www.marriott.com/specials/mesOffer.mi?marrOfferId=481371&displayLink=true)  
(<http://www.marriott.com/specials/mesOffer.mi?marrOfferId=481371&displayLink=true>)

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**2010 DC Jazz Festival: "KEY" Events**

- June 1: [Jazz on the Potomac \(http://www.kennedy-center.org/explorer/artists/?entity\\_id=57113&source\\_type=B\)](http://www.kennedy-center.org/explorer/artists/?entity_id=57113&source_type=B): Kennedy Center Millennium Stage with Trinidadian trumpeter Etienne Charles (Free)
- June 2: [Jazz on the Potomac \(http://www.kennedy-center.org/explorer/artists/?entity\\_id=57113&source\\_type=B\)](http://www.kennedy-center.org/explorer/artists/?entity_id=57113&source_type=B)

- [center.org/explorer/artists/?entity\\_id=9810&source\\_type=BI](http://www.kennedy-center.org/explorer/artists/?entity_id=9810&source_type=BI)): Kennedy Center Millennium Stage with the Berklee World Jazz Nonet (Free)
- June 1-13: [Jazz in the 'Hoods presented by the Washington Convention and Sports Authority](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz_in_the_hoods) ([http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz\\_in\\_the\\_hoods](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz_in_the_hoods)): Over 80 shows in more than 30 clubs, restaurants, museums and hotels
- June 3: [Jazz at the Smithsonian American Art Museum](http://americanart.si.edu/calendar/performances/) (<http://americanart.si.edu/calendar/performances/>): featuring saxophonist Marshall Keys (Free)
- June 3: [Phillips After Five](http://www.phillipscollection.org/programs/after5/index.aspx) (<http://www.phillipscollection.org/programs/after5/index.aspx>): featuring pianist Janelle Gill at The Phillips Collection
- June 4: [Jazz in the Garden](http://www.nga.gov/programs/jazz/) (<http://www.nga.gov/programs/jazz/>): (National Gallery of Art) featuring the Berklee World Jazz Nonet (Free)
- June 5-6: [Jazz 'n Families Fun Days](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz_n_families_fun_day) ([http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz\\_n\\_families\\_fun\\_day](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz_n_families_fun_day)): co-presented with and at The Phillips Collection featuring jazz artists George V. Johnson, Janelle Gill, Victor Provost, DC Jazz Collaborative, Brad Linde, and others. (Free)
- June 8: **Rising Star** concert at the [Sixth and I Historic Synagogue](http://www.sixthandi.org/EventDetails.aspx?evntID=365&dispDt=6/8/2010%2008:00:00%20PM) (<http://www.sixthandi.org/EventDetails.aspx?evntID=365&dispDt=6/8/2010%2008:00:00%20PM>), "A Tribute to Oscar Peterson featuring pianist Marian Petrescu with Special Guest guitarist Andreas Öberg"
- June 9: **Rising Star** concert at the [WDC Jewish Community Center](http://washingtondcjcc.org/center-for-arts/music/wjmf/2010-wjmf/buy-tickets-1.html#Uri_Gurvich_Quartet_The_Storyteller) ([http://washingtondcjcc.org/center-for-arts/music/wjmf/2010-wjmf/buy-tickets-1.html#Uri\\_Gurvich\\_Quartet\\_The\\_Storyteller](http://washingtondcjcc.org/center-for-arts/music/wjmf/2010-wjmf/buy-tickets-1.html#Uri_Gurvich_Quartet_The_Storyteller)) featuring saxophonist Uri Gurvich
- June 10: [NEA Jazz Masters Live Concert](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/nea_jazz_masters_live) ([http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/nea\\_jazz\\_masters\\_live](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/nea_jazz_masters_live)) at The Lincoln Theatre; an all-star tribute to NEA Jazz Master James Moody featuring NEA Jazz Masters Kenny Barron and Paquito D'Rivera, the Dizzy Gillespie All-Stars, Roy Hargrove, Roberta Gambarini, Regina Carter and other guest artists.
- June 11: [Jazz at the Carter Barron Amphitheatre](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz_under_the_stars) ([http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz\\_under\\_the\\_stars](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz_under_the_stars)): featuring jazz harpist Edmar Castaneda and the Poncho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band.
- June 12: [Jazz at the Lisner Auditorium](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz_at_the_lisner) ([http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz\\_at\\_the\\_lisner](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/jazz_at_the_lisner)): Claudio Roditi Quartet and the Eddie Palmieri Latin Jazz Band (matinee); and Roberta Flack, and the Roy Hargrove Big Band with special guest Roberta Gambarini (evening).
- June 13: **Kennedy Center Terrace Theater [Paquito D'Rivera and The Jelly Roll Morton Latin Tinge Project](http://www.kennedy-center.org/calendar/?fuseaction=showEvent&event=MKJGM)** (<http://www.kennedy-center.org/calendar/?fuseaction=showEvent&event=MKJGM>) with Akua Dixon and Quartette Indigo, Michael Philip Mossman, Music Director, a commissioned National Endowment for the Arts American Masterpieces concert
- June 5-9: **DCJF Master Classes** ([http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/master\\_classes](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/master_classes))/**Student Concerts** ([http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/student\\_concerts](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/student_concerts)): Enriching educational Programs at the THEARC Performing Arts Center in Anacostia, Sitar Arts Center in Adams Morgan, and the Atlas Performing Arts Center on the H Street corridor for more than 1,000 DCPS and DC charter school students

Following the tremendous success of last year's events, the DC Jazz Festival was re-branded to highlight the national and international impact of this significant cultural offering in the nation's capital. To date, proud sponsors and partners include: Patton Boggs, LLP; Microsoft

Corporation; the National Endowment for the Arts; Renaissance Dupont Circle Hotel; Sage Communication; ABC-TV/WJLA; The Washington Convention and Sports Authority; Michael and Linda Sonnenreich; the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation; National Education Association Foundation; The Phillips Collection; the Washington City Paper; Georgetown University Hospital; Radio One; Coors Foundation, DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities; Bacardi; WMATA, Washington Informer, and Amtrak, among others.

**About the DC Jazz Festival**

With more than 100 performances in dozens of venues across the city, the DC Jazz Festival is the largest music festival in Washington, D.C. and has become one of the most highly-anticipated cultural events in the nation's capital. The Festival presents year-round music programs and performances by local, national and internationally-known artists, promotes music integration in school curricula and actively engages in community outreach to expand and diversify the audience of jazz enthusiasts. For more information about DC Jazz Festival and our upcoming programs, visit [www.dcjazzfest.org](http://www.dcjazzfest.org).

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