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DC Jazz Festival Presents Two Rising Stars Concerts in Partnerships with Sixth & I Historic Synagogue and the Washington DC Jewish Community Center

June 8, 2010: Washington, D.C. – The DC Jazz Festival (formerly the Duke Ellington Jazz Festival) is proud to partner with the **Sixth & I Historic Synagogue and the Washington DC Jewish Community Center (as part of the Washington Jewish Music Festival)** to present two Rising Stars Concerts as part of the sixth annual DC Jazz Festival.

A major program of the 2010 DC Jazz Festival, held June 1 - 13, the Rising Star concerts feature **Marian Petrescu** at the Sixth & I Historic Synagogue on June 8 and **Uri Gurvich** at the Washington DC Jewish Community Center on June 9.

In a rare tribute to the great Oscar Peterson, Petrescu, a major contributor to the Grammy Award-winning 2009 CD, "Resonance Big Band Pays Tribute to Oscar Peterson," -- will be lighting up the stage at Sixth and I. He made his professional debut at the Pori Jazz Festival in Finland at the age of the 15 and since has played with Arturo Sandoval, Toots Thielemans, Al Jarreau, and others. Special guest violinist **Christian Howes** will join Petrescu. An in-demand violinist on the New York scene, Howes has performed and recorded with a bevy of jazz artists including Greg Osby, Les Paul, and Spyro Gyra, among others.

Born and raised in Israel, Gurvich won the Jazz Player of the Year competition in Israel before relocating to Boston to attend the prestigious Berklee College of Music. His quartet features some of the most prominent voices on the contemporary New York jazz scene—**Leo Genovese** on piano, **Peter Slavov** on bass and **Francisco Mela** on drums. The Quartet's debut album *The Storyteller* (Tzadik Records) exploded onto the scene in February 2009 and places Israeli, Yemenite, East European and North African music into a progressive jazz context. Gurvich will play at the Aaron & Cecile Goldman Theater at the Washington DCJCC.

Highlights of the 2010 DC Jazz Festival include one free and one ticketed *Jazz on The Lisner* concert on June 12, free student concerts and master classes, and the return of the popular *Jazz in the 'Hoods* and *Brunchin' in the 'Hoods*, which features performances at over 35 restaurants, clubs, hotels and art galleries across the city.

Additional resources

- Purchase [tickets](#)
(http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/dejf_tickets_information)
- See most updated performance [schedule](#)
(http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/schedule_and_special_events)
- View DCJF [sponsor list](#)
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- DC Jazz Festival [Hotel Package](#)

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2010 DC Jazz Festival: "KEY" Events

(http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/schedule_and_special_events)

- June 1: [Jazz on the Potomac \(http://www.kennedy-center.org/programs/millennium/schedule.html\)](http://www.kennedy-center.org/programs/millennium/schedule.html): Kennedy Center Millennium Stage with Haitian trumpeter Etienne Charles (Free)
- June 2: [Jazz on the Potomac \(http://www.kennedy-center.org/programs/millennium/schedule.html\)](http://www.kennedy-center.org/programs/millennium/schedule.html): 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): **Over 80 shows in 30+** clubs, restaurants, 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 \(http://www.dcjazzfest.org/\)](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/): 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 [6th and I Historic Synagogue \(http://www.sixthandi.org/EventDetails.aspx?eventID=365&dispDt=6/8/2010%208:00:00%20PM\)](http://www.sixthandi.org/EventDetails.aspx?eventID=365&dispDt=6/8/2010%208:00:00%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 \(http://washingtondcjcc.org/center-for-arts/music/wjmf/\)](http://washingtondcjcc.org/center-for-arts/music/wjmf/) 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) at The Lincoln Theatre; an all-star tribute to NEA Jazz Master James Moody featuring NEA Jazz Masters Kenny Barron and Paquito D'Rivera with 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): 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): 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 \(http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/paquito_d_rivera_presents\)](http://www.dcjazzfest.org/content.cfm/paquito_d_rivera_presents) 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/)/ 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 in U Street

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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.

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