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## The DC Jazz Festival Announces the Renaissance Dupont Circle as Its "Headquarter Hotel"

March 23, 2010: Washington, D.C.—The DC Jazz Festival announced today that the Renaissance Dupont Circle Hotel is the Headquarter Hotel for the 2010 DC Jazz Festival, scheduled to take place June 1 – 13, 2010 in Washington, D.C. The Renaissance Dupont Circle Hotel will offer an exclusive **DC Jazz Festival All-Access Weekend Package** to help guests celebrate all things jazz, a romantic weekend getaway, and an iconic trip to the nation's capital. From June 11 - 13, the DCJF All-Access Pass will give guests a one-of-a-kind VIP experience during the festival. The All-Access package includes deluxe accommodations, breakfast for two, two tickets to the DCJF's headline concert on Friday, June 11 and two VIP passes for the main concert Jazz at the Lisner Auditorium (George Washington University) on Saturday, June 12. For more information please visit: [www.renaissancedupontcircle.com](http://www.renaissancedupontcircle.com) for "Deals at This Hotel."

"Renaissance Dupont Circle Hotel is excited to be a sponsor and the headquarter hotel for the DC Jazz Festival," said Matthew Felix, general manager, Renaissance Washington, DC Dupont Circle Hotel. "Music is a real passion point for the Renaissance guest and we know they will enjoy the great artists at this year's festival."

The 2010 DCJF will feature a stellar line-up of artists from around the globe, including artistic director and nine-time Grammy winner Paquito D'Rivera, Dianne Reeves, Eddie Palmieri, Poncho Sanchez, Roy Hargrove, NEA Jazz Master James Moody, the Berklee World Jazz Nonet, Claudio Roditi, Edmar Castaneda, Roberta Gambarini, Marshall Keys, Marian Petrescu, Andres Öberg, Uri Gurvich and many more.

"We are proud that this year's festival will once again present locally, nationally and internationally renowned artists who reflect the vibrancy and diversity of jazz and of our nation's capital," stated DC Jazz Festival executive producer Charles Fishman. "We are excited to partner with the Renaissance Dupont Circle in presenting this significant cultural offering to Washington, D.C.-area residents and visitors alike."

With an audience of 100,000 in attendance and performances in nearly 50 venues in 2009, the DCJF is the largest music festival in the nation's capital. This year's festival will feature dazzling performances at the Kennedy Center, the Carter Barron Amphitheatre, the Lincoln Theatre, The Phillips Collection, the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden, the 6th and I Historic Synagogue, the DC Jewish Community Center, THEARC, the Atlas Performing Arts Center, the National Portrait Gallery and Lisner Auditorium. The highly popular *Jazz in the 'Hoods* program will offer performances at more than 30 clubs, hotels, and restaurants across the city.

Following the tremendous success of last year's events, the festival was re-branded to highlight the national and international impact of presenting the festival in the nation's capital. Proud sponsors and partners to date include Patton Boggs, LLP; Microsoft Corporation; the

National Endowment for the Arts; Renaissance Dupont Circle Hotel; ABC-TV/WJLA/News Channel 8; The Washington Convention and Sports Authority; Michael and Linda Sonnenreich; the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation; National Education Association Foundation; Georgetown University Hospital; Radio One; Coors Foundation, DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities; Bacardi; and Amtrak, among others.

**For more information on the DC Jazz Festival All Access Weekend Package or for bookings, visit: <http://www.marriott.com/specials/mesOffer.mi?marrOfferId=481371&displayLink=true> or call 1-800-228-9290. Promotional Code: Promotional Code: ARN**

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**2010 DCJF Festival: "KEY" Events**

June 1-2: **Jazz on the Potomac** Kennedy Center Millennium Stage

June 1-13: **Jazz in the 'Hoods: Over 80 shows in 30+** in clubs, restaurants, and hotels

June 3: **Jazz at the Portrait Gallery** featuring Marshall Keys

June 4: **Jazz in the Garden** (National Gallery of Art) featuring the Berklee World Jazz Nonet

June 5-6 : **Jazz 'n Families Fun Days** – co-presented with and at The Phillips Collection featuring jazz artists George V. Johnson, Janelle Gill, Victor Provost, and others.

June 8: **Rising Star** performance 6th and I Historic Synagogue, "A Tribute to Oscar Peterson featuring Marian Petrescu with Special Guest Andreas Öberg"

June 9: **Rising Star** performance at the DC Jewish Community Center featuring Uri Gurvich

June 10: **NEA Jazz Masters Live Concert** The Lincoln Theatre an all-star tribute to NEA

Jazz Master James Moody

June 11: **Jazz at the Carter Barron Amphitheatre** featuring Poncho Sanchez and jazz harpist Edmar Castaneda;

June 12: **Jazz at the Lisner:** Eddie Palmieri, Claudio Roditi, Dianne Reeves, Roy Hargrove

June 15 **Kennedy Center Terrace Theater** Paquito D'Rivera: **The Jelly Roll Morton Latin Tinge Project** Michael Philip Mossman, Music Director, a **National Endowment for the Arts American Masterpieces concert**

June 5-9: **DCJF Master Classes/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 one thousand DCPS and DC charter school students

**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 supports 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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