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7th Annual

Chi-Town Jazz Festival Fights Hunger

7 Years of Chicago's Jazz Community Coming Together for a Common Cause

CHI-TOWN JAZZ FESTIVAL 2016--February 19 and March 6-12: Now in its seventh year, the Chi-Town Jazz Festival has been a catalyst for raising awareness and funding agencies committed to Chicago-area hunger relief. In Illinois, 1 in 7 are at risk of hunger and 1 in 5 children are food insecure. National studies show 11 million older adults, aged 50 and up, are choosing between buying groceries and buying medicine. In Illinois, the budget impasse is causing a growing funding crisis for numerous not-for-profit organizations trying to help those in need.

From the South Loop north to Evanston, venues are donating space; musicians are donating sets; and the many volunteers necessary to produce and promote a festival of this scope donate their services. **Last year's festival raised \$46,000; cumulatively, the festival has raised \$178,000 to fight hunger.**

CTJF 2016 festival headliners include **Howard Levy, Bruce Barth** (one of Tony Bennett's favorite pianists), **Bobby Broom, Eric Schneider, Frank Catalano, Steve Million and Sarah Marie Young, Jim Gailloro, Cheryl Wilson, Tammy McCann and Reginald Robinson** (MacArthur "genius" Award recipient).

CTJF 2016 Festival venues: Jazz Showcase, Green Mill, Symphony Center, Andy's Jazz Club, PianoForte, First Unitarian Church of Chicago and First Presbyterian Church of Evanston.

John Moulder, one of Chicago's most respected jazz guitarists and a Catholic priest at St. Gregory the Great Church, created and produces the ANNUAL CHI-TOWN JAZZ FESTIVAL. Fr. Moulder is inspired by need—Catholic Charities has seen a 40% increase in food requests, resulting from current economic realities. Proceeds from CHI-TOWN JAZZ FESTIVAL 2016 proceeds will go to combat hunger via Catholic Charities, Care for Real, Top Box Foods, Hyde Park Food Pantry, and North Park Friendship Center. The remaining funds will be reserved to expand next year's festival and its revenue potential for continued charitable contribution. Last year, CTJF donated 86% of funds raised directly to Chicago-area hunger-relief organizations.

~ A COMPLETE CHI-TOWN JAZZ FESTIVAL 2016 SCHEDULE FOLLOWS ~

www.chitownjazzfestival.org

7TH ANNUAL Chi-Town Jazz Festival
 SUPPORTING HUNGER RELIEF IN CHICAGO
 FEBRUARY 19, MARCH 6-12, 2016

<u>Fri, Feb 19</u>	CHRISTIAN McBRIDE	8:00	Symphony Center Part of <i>Symphony Center</i> <i>Presents Jazz</i> 220 S Michigan; Chicago, IL	\$25 donations requested for season tickets drawing
<u>Sun, Mar 6</u>	JAZZ VESPERS SERVICE: "Peace on Our Street and in Our World" JIM GAILLORETO & Friends CHERYL WILSON TAMMY McCANN	4:00	First Presbyterian Church of Evanston 1427 Chicago Ave Evanston	\$20 \$10 students under age 25 with ID
<u>Wed, Mar 9</u>	LEANDRO LOPEZ VARADY TRIO BOBBY BROOM TRIO HOWARD LEVY & JOHN MOULDER QUARTET	7:00 8:30 10:00	Jazz Showcase 806 S Plymouth Ct Chicago, IL	\$35 VIP \$20 \$10 students under age 25 with ID
<u>Thur, Mar 10</u>	GEORGE FLUDAS QUARTET ERIC SCHNEIDER & Friends FRANK CATALANO SEXTET	6:00 8:00 10:00	Andy's Jazz Club 11 E Hubbard Chicago, IL	\$20
<u>Fri, Mar 11</u>	BRUCE BARTH	5:30	PianoForte 1335 S Michigan Ave Chicago, IL	\$20
<u>Sat, Mar 12</u>	REGINALD ROBINSON	7:30	First Unitarian Church of Chicago 5650 S. Woodlawn Ave. Chicago, IL	\$20 \$10 students under age 25 with ID
	TAMMY McCANN QUARTET STEVE MILLION & SARAH MARIE YOUNG QUINTET JOHN MOULDER & Friends	8:00 9:30 11:00	Green Mill 4802 N. Broadway Chicago, IL	\$20