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Charles H. Kaman Foundation Makes Multi-Year Commitment to Fund Baby Grand Jazz Series at Hartford Public Library



Meg Okura and the Pan Asian Ensemble perform for a record-breaking audience at the 2014 Baby Grand Jazz series kick-off.

HARTFORD, Connecticut (September 11, 2014) – **Hartford Public Library’s popular Baby Grand Jazz Series will celebrate its 12th season with the support of a generous 3-year sponsorship from The Charles H. Kaman Charitable Foundation.** The free series features some of the best jazz performances in Greater Hartford held over the course of 16 Sunday afternoon concerts in the Library’s Downtown Atrium. The Foundation also funded the 2012, 2013 and 2014 series. The 2015 season series kicks off on Sunday, January 4.

Featuring jazz notables like the Meg Okura Pan Asian Ensemble, Warren Byrd, Yoko Miwa, and others, the 2014 series offered a world-class musical experience to a diverse crowd of nearly 5,700 Greater Hartford residents, library patrons, and visitors from throughout Connecticut. A testament to Hartford’s deep-rooted jazz legacy, the Baby Grand Jazz Series brings together music lovers in an

electrified, communal setting while exposing the public to a potentially undiscovered and exciting new art form.

“Baby Grand Jazz has become a truly valued and highly-anticipated musical tour de force in the Greater Hartford Region and beyond,” said Matt Poland, CEO of Hartford Public Library. “We’re thrilled to be able to continue to provide this free, one-of-a-kind concert series to the public, and continue our work promoting music appreciation and arts literacy for all. We thank The Charles H. Kaman Charitable Foundation for its ongoing support for our mission, and this wonderful program. Without their steadfast support the quality of this series would not be possible.”

The Foundation’s 3-year sponsorship will allow the series to offer an even higher-quality listening experience to its in-person and online audience, and continue to bring renowned regional and local talent to the Baby Grand Jazz stage. The full 2015 series lineup will be announced in early fall.

For more information, visit hplct.org.

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As a finalist for the 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 find a rich array of resources that contribute to a full life. Hartford Public Library provides free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration. Serving the residents of Hartford and beyond at its nine branches and Downtown location, Hartford Public Library receives more than 860,000 visits per year from adults, children and families seeking early literacy opportunities, work skills training, civic engagement, arts enrichment, and so much more. Visit hplct.org.

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