



# Hartford Public Library Announces 2020 Line-up for Baby Grand Jazz Series

(HARTFORD, CT, December 3, 2019) Hartford Public Library (HPL) will blow away the post-holiday blues as the highly-popular Baby Grand Jazz Series returns for its 17<sup>th</sup> season starting Sunday, January 5. Free Baby Grand Jazz performances will be held every Sunday through April 26 (except for Easter Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>), from 3 – 4 pm (doors open at 2 pm).

The season will open January 5 with the Darrell Green Sextet and will be held in the atrium of the Downtown Library, 500 Main Street. All other shows will be held in the Downtown Library's Center for Contemporary Culture (Main Floor) with the exception of the final show, TAEKO, on April 26, which will close the series in the atrium.

The Darrell Green Sextet performs original works influenced and inspired by the likes of jazz greats Sonny Rollins, Ornette Coleman, John Coltrane, Charles Mingus, Art Blakey, Archie Shepp, Don Cherry and Elvin Jones. The band is a collaborative ensemble consisting of rising young jazz talents exploring endless musical possibilities. Each member is a contributing composer and arranger.

## HPL's 2020 Baby Grand Jazz

### January

- 5 Darrell Green Sextet
- 12 Ed Fast & Conga Bop
- 19 Dakota Austin Quintet
- 26 Saskia Laroo Band

### February

- 2 Matt Chasen's "This Is Our Music" Ensemble
- 9 The Unity Quintet
- 16 Emilio Solla Tributango
- 23 Nathan Davis Sextet

### March

- 1 Ron Smith Quintet
- 8 The Afro-Semitic Experience
- 15 Iris Ornig Quintet
- 22 Haneef N. Nelson Quintet
- 29 Ricky Alfonso Group

## **April**

- 5 Envisage Collective
- 12 Easter
- 19 The Joe Carter Samba Rio Quarteto
- 26 TAEKO

Admission to all Baby Grand Jazz series performances is free thanks to the generous financial support of The Kaman Foundation. The Library's partners in the series are Hartford Jazz Society and WWUH 91.3 FM Radio.

For a full-line of this year's Baby Grand Jazz Series and descriptions of the performers, go to: <https://www.hplct.org/classes-seminars-exhibits/baby-grand-jazz>

### **ABOUT HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Now celebrating its 126th year, Hartford Public Library remains at the forefront of redefining the urban library experience in the 21st Century. With seven locations throughout the city, the library provides education, intellectual enrichment and cultural development for thousands of children, youth and adults every year. Hartford Public Library has also gained local and national recognition for its wide range of new initiatives and partnerships designed to meet the needs of a diverse and dynamic city and region, including immigration services, employment assistance and youth leadership training. Please visit [www.hplct.org](http://www.hplct.org).

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