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The Best Things in Life Are Free at Hartford Public Library

Hartford, Connecticut (March 28, 2012) — Hartford Public Library continues its enormously popular 2012 Baby Grand Jazz Series, a free Sunday afternoon jazz piano program, through April 29 at 3:00 p.m. To date, an overflowing crowd of 3,700 city residents and out-of-towners attended some of the best jazz performances offered in the Greater Hartford region.

The series continues to draw crowds to its newly renovated downtown Library. Since 2004, Baby Grand Jazz connects citizens with the arts, humanities and literature. As an anchor institution, the Library plays an important role in the region's cultural, social and economic development while contributing to the stability, safety and quality of life in downtown Hartford.

Hartford Public Library continues to support artistic excellence by engaging local communities in new and exciting ways through an array of inspiring artistic programs. Jazz, an American art form rooted in the democratic mix of individual and united effort, is the ideal soundtrack for Library CEO, Matt Poland's vision of the 21st Century public library as a gateway for all. With "Baby Grand Jazz" it's a swinging gateway and get-away, free and accessible to one and all.

The series will continue the upcoming jazz artists: Noah Baerman on April 1; George Blackman on April 15; Kris Allen on April 22; and Emery A. Smith will close the 2012 series on April 29.

About [Hartford Public Library](#)

The Hartford Public Library traces its roots to 1774. It operates 10 locations in the City of Hartford. The Library receives more than 860,000 visits per year. Services include access to a large collection of materials for reading and research, as well as music and video. Programs provide education, information and enrichment to the people of Hartford in such areas as citizenship training, literacy, business skills and cultural awareness. The mission of Hartford

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