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2015–2016 PINECREST GARDENS JAZZ SEASON AND LEADING-EDGE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Jazz greats to mentor local students the day after concerts as part of the Gen-Next Jam, a music mentorship program funded by John S. and James L. Knight Foundation

Featuring:

Dr. Ed Calle presents Mamblue: The 305 All-Star Big Band

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Subscriptions are now being sold for the seven performance series for \$155 and \$130 and can be purchased online at www.pinecrestgardens.org.

Pinecrest, Fla. – Pinecrest Gardens is proud to announce the 2015 -2016 Jazz Season line-up that includes Grammy Award winning musicians and National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Masters. Known as South Florida’s Cultural Park, which has become a favorite for local and international jazz performers, Pinecrest Gardens is a one-of-a-kind venue nestled in 20-acres of botanical gardens and winding paths. Its 500-seat amphitheater sits under a geodesic dome providing state-of-the-art acoustics and lighting.

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Through the generosity of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation along with special funding from our title sponsor, South Motors, we are proud to announce that four of our 2016 Jazz Series artists will also participate in a special program entitled **Gen-Next Jam** – a music mentorship program held on Sunday afternoons following their Saturday concert. Branford Marsalis, Carmen Lundy, Vinicius Cantuaria and Doc Severinsen will mentor a group of gifted jazz students from the New World School of the Arts High School under the direction of Jim Gasior. This is a unique opportunity to learn from and play with these extraordinary professionals on the Banyan Bowl stage. This workshop series will be open to the general public and other students for observation free of charge.

The 2015 – 2016 Jazz Season was curated by Maurice Orlando Montoya, President of MM Music Agency.

October 24, 2015

Ed Calle presents Mamblue: The 305 All-Star Big Band

Ed is known for his extraordinary ability to play bebop, Latin and contemporary jazz and pop. Calle can be heard on literally hundreds of recordings both as a sideman and soloist. He appears on Grammy Award winning albums by Frank Sinatra, Vicky Carr, Arturo Sandoval and Jon Secada as well as, on numerous television and motion picture soundtracks. Celebrate his latest album launch with his big band on the Banyan Bowl Stage.

“Calle might be the most recorded saxophone player in the world, and like the most versatile.” Michael Brecker.

November 7, 2015

An Evening with Branford Marsalis

In his first appearance at the South Motors Jazz Series, National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Master and renowned three-time Grammy Award-winning saxophonist Branford Marsalis brings his extraordinary quartet for an evening of sizzling hot jazz. One of the most revered instrumentalists of his time, Branford has led a dizzying array of jazz ensembles from big bands to quartets and has been a frequent soloist with classical ensembles. He has performed with many of the jazz giants, including Miles Davis, Dizzy Gillespie, Herbie Hancock and Sonny Rollin; composed the soundtrack to *Mo’Better Blues*; and was the original bandleader for the *Tonight Show* with Jay Leno. Live jazz simply doesn’t get any better than when Branford and his innovative group take the stage.

December 12, 2015

Maria Rivas Home for the Holidays

Maria Rivas skillfully combines American and Latin Jazz rhythms with both lively and sentimental music from around the world. She interprets her music in English, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese and performs her own blend of traditional standards. Maria’s unique sound is an intoxicating combination of classic American jazz, pop and blues with just the right splash of Latin accents. She has performed to rave reviews before large audiences in North America, Europe (including the prestigious Montreux Jazz Festival), Latin America and Asia. Hailed by Oscar de Leon, Latin Grammy Award Winner, as “one of the finest singers

on the world stage today, truly a tremendous talent" she performs a wonderful holiday concert guaranteed to be a crowd pleaser for all.

January 9, 2016

Loston Harris Sings the Great American Songbook

For more than a decade Loston has headlined at the Carlyle Hotel in Manhattan's Upper East Side along with cabaret and jazz greats that include Bobby Short, Eartha Kitt, Elaine Stritch and John Pizzarelli. His list of CDs have all launched with rave reviews and his fifth release, *Swingfully Yours*, features swinging arrangements of timeless standards from the Great American Songbook. Loston has toured and recorded with jazz superstars Wynton Marsalis and Marcus Roberts. Frank Sinatra, Bobby Short and Nat King Cole can rest comfortably knowing that Loston Harris is keeping the flame alive. *"Loston is a singular sensation of what music is in New York and all over the world. He is fantastic. There is nobody like him."* John Pizzarelli

February 13, 2016

Carmen Lundy Quintet

Carmen Lundy began her professional career in Miami as a jazz vocalist and composer when there were very few young, gifted and aspiring jazz vocalists on the horizon. Over four decades later, Ms. Lundy is celebrated throughout the world for her vocal artistry and is highly regarded for her jazz innovation. Her 14th album *"Soul to Soul"* features all original compositions and has been met with great fanfare. She travels to our stage from Los Angeles along with her world renowned quintet for an evening of some of the best jazz this city will ever hear. *"Carmen Lundy, a beguiling and outstanding vocalist, has retained her luster over a decades-long career."* New Yorker

March 12, 2016

Vinicius Cantuaria Quintet plays Jobim

The graceful Brazilian guitarist and singer Vinicius Cantuária, whose professional career began as a composer and drummer with Caetano Veloso and Gilberto Gil among others, moved to New York in 1994 and became immersed in a downtown scene that found him mixing it up with musicians as varied as Bill Frisell, Laurie Anderson and Brad Mehldau, as well as leading his own contemporary Brazilian jazz bands. For the past year or so, he's been living most of the time "here at my house in Rio and on airplanes," says Cantuária. This wonderful quintet will perform a mix songs by the prolific composer Antonio Jobim that will include classics like "Chega de Saudade," "A Felicidade" and "The Girl from Ipanema". *"The ritual bow in the direction of Jobim."* Clive Davis

"Cantuaria is the doyen of Brazilian singer-songwriters—more melodic than Caetano Veloso, more consistent than Gilberto Gil and with more talent than Max de Castro, Otto and Patricia Marx put together." John Walters

April 9, 2016

Doc Severinsen & The New World School of the Arts Jazz Band

"Heeeeeeeere's Johnny!" That lead-in followed by a big band trumpet blast, was the landmark of late night television for three decades. The "Johnny" was Johnny Carson, the announcer was Ed McMahon and the

bandleader was the great Doc Severinsen. A Grammy award winner, Doc has made more than 30 albums—from big band to jazz-fusion to classical. Today, Doc has not lost his flair for the outrageous fashion statement or his trademark wit. But his gregarious nature has never interfered with the fact that he has been one of the greatest trumpeters and musicians of the last 60 years, respected in the worlds of classical music, jazz, big band and in the end, has transcended his celebrity and rejoiced in his remarkable ability to simply play his trumpet!

About Pinecrest Gardens

It has taken more than a half-century for Pinecrest Gardens to evolve into the lush oasis of towering banyans, natural streams filled with turtles, Japanese Koi, and a lake that provides a home for an array of magnificent water fowl. It is a place to experience cultural enrichment in a panoramic setting and to learn about history and our environment. Every element of the Garden reflects excellence, beauty and inspiration to transform the visitor experience into one of discovery, enlightenment and entertainment. The Gardens contains approximately 4.3 acres of native forested wetland, 3.3 acres of tropical hardwood hammock and an acre of native cypress slough hammock. In addition, the site contains remnants of the original bed of Snapper Creek. Pinecrest Gardens features over 1,000 varieties of rare tropical and exotic plants, and has long served the South Florida community as an educational resource for natural science teachers, students and researchers. Among the facilities you'll find a children's Splash 'N Play water amusement area, a petting zoo, playground and picnic areas and spectacular landscapes. There is a 500 seat outdoor theater and several meeting and party venues. The site was designated as an individual historic site pursuant to the Metropolitan Dade County Historic Preservation Ordinance on December 19, 1990, and on October 17, 2011 the National Park Service announced the addition of Pinecrest Gardens to the National Register of Historic Places.

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