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Free Jazz Fridays Return to Central Library for 2017 Season

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The soft and soulful sounds of jazz will return to the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Ave.) for an encore season of **Five Fridays of Jazz**, a free concert series starting **March 3 – April 28, 2017 and** featuring some of the region's great jazz entertainers.

Following last year's performances, which welcomed hundreds of music lovers each night, organizers with Levitt Shell, Memphis Public Libraries and the Memphis Library Foundation teamed up again to bring another decorated show line-up. **Doors open at 6 p.m.** (A cash bar and food will be available each night also.)

March 3 – Reach Forever Quintet

March 17 – The International Jazz Twins (Carl & Alan Maguire)

March 31 – Women of Jazz with Joyce Cobb & the Rhodes College Jazz Orchestra (with an opening performance by Stax Music Academy Jazz ensemble)

April 14 – The “(Re)Birth of Cool” with The University of Memphis Birth of Cool Ensemble

April 28 – The Legends of Jazz ensemble with Dr. Bill Hurd

In March, Women's Appreciation Month, customers can expect the start of standing-room-only performances topped by the Women of Jazz and Joyce Cobb. More great nights are planned for April – Jazz Appreciation Month or JAM – with a continuation of chart-topping shows in the adults-only, social scene.

“Memphis Public Libraries is glad to be a convener of the arts, conversation and stellar programs that strengthen communities. Five Fridays of Jazz was such an overwhelming success last year that it was an easy decision to bring it back for another year,” said Director of Libraries Keenon McCloy. “We encourage everyone to come out and enjoy these exciting shows at the Library.”

For more information about Five Fridays of Jazz at Central Library, call (901) 415-2700.

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