

JAZZ HERITAGE CENTER TO UNVEIL GROUNDBREAKING EXHIBIT

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JAM SESSIONS: AMERICA'S JAZZ AMBASSADORS EMBRACE THE WORLD  
MAKES ONLY WEST COAST SHOWING

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Performances by the Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet, from the University of Pacific in Stockton, panels and celebration to kick off exhibit on May 17

Title: Jazz Ambassadors Up Close!

Where: The Jazz Heritage Center's Lush Life Gallery, at 1320 Fillmore Street, is pleased to announce the opening of it's latest art exhibit experience.

When: The show is scheduled to preview May 14th, with the opening and artist reception on May 21st, 2009.

A group show will honor the masters of jazz that took part in the first world tours on behalf of the US State Department. This exhibit is in support of the nationally touring exhibit "JAM SESSION: JAZZ AMBASSADORS EMBRACE THE WORLD" previewing in the JHC's Koret Heritage Lobby, May 14th. The Koret Heritage Lobby is located at 1330 Fillmore Street, the entrance to Yoshi's S.F. and next door to the Lush Life Gallery.

"Jazz Ambassadors Up Close" include works by participating artist, Donald Greene, Lavirille Aber, Valeriy Kagounkin, Donna Wayman, Suzanne Cerny, Leroy Parker, Jeremy Sutton, Lynn Goodman and Allan Wray. These artist offer a variety of styles depicting up close and intimate portraits and figurative renderings of the selected images of jazz royalty, ie: Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Dave Brubeck, Quincy Jones and Benny Goodman.

Also, in honor of Miles Davis Birthday Month of May and the 50th Anniversary of "Kind Of Blue" the best selling jazz album of all time, the Lush Life Gallery will also present simultaneously, a mini exhibit of Miles Davis imagery, featuring paintings and bronze sculpture

by master artist Ed Dwight, paintings by Donald Greene, Rhonel Roberts, Lavirille Aber and Leroy Parker. Photography by Mark Brady, Jerry Stoll and "vintage" Miles photos provided by Sony Legacy / Icon Collectables.

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#### About the Jazz Heritage Center

The Jazz Heritage Center, located at 1330 Fillmore Street, is the only permanent cultural and educational complex dedicated to the long history of Jazz in San Francisco and the Fillmore District. By showcasing art and historical exhibitions, concerts, films and youth programming, the JHC's mission is to preserve and promote jazz, an American national treasure, while celebrating its presence as an active, living art form in San Francisco and beyond. For more information about Jazz at Heritage Center, JHC events, educational programs and to become a member visit [www.jazzheritagecenter.org](http://www.jazzheritagecenter.org) or call (415) 255-7745.