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THE CHICAGO JAZZ ENSEMBLE with MUSIC DIRECTOR DANA HALL PROUDLY ANNOUNCES ITS 2010-11 PERFORMANCE SEASON

CHICAGO, IL, October 4, 2010 – The Chicago Jazz Ensemble with Music Director **Dana Hall** announces its *2010-2011 Performance Season*. Highlights of this year's programs include music from New Orleans as well as the compositions of Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong, a program dedicated to Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan, and a 100th birthday celebration to honor Mahalia Jackson. Special guests including Stanton Moore, Donald Harrison, Henry Butler and Ledisi, will join Dana Hall and the CJE at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance for the upcoming season. In addition, Jon Faddis will be a special guest conductor for two concerts.

The Chicago Jazz Ensemble's 2010-2011 season kicks off with *New Orleans Now* on Thursday, November 18, at 7:30pm at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance. Featuring dynamic drummer Stanton Moore (founding member of Galactic and a prodigious solo artist), alto saxophonist Donald Harrison ("The King of Nouveau Swing"), and pianist **Henry Butler** (an eight-time W.C. Handy "Best Blues Instrumentalist - Piano" award nominee), this program will present music from the tradition of New Orleans in small and large ensemble configurations, as well as some contemporary interpretations of music from famed New Orleanians such as Louis Prima and King Oliver. The program will also feature selections from Duke Ellington's "New Orleans Suite" and Ellington favorite, "The Mooche."

Shake off the January chills with the return of **The Great Summit: The Music of Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington** on Thursday, January 20, at 7:30pm at the Harris Theater for Dance and Music. The Chicago Jazz Ensemble performs Ellington and Armstrong favorites from the CJE's library. **Jon Faddis** will join the band as special guest conductor for this performance.

The CJE's 2010-2011 Season continues with a celebration of *Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan* on Friday, February 18, at 7:30pm at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance. Fresh from her tour of Japan with the Count Basie Big Band, the CJE welcomes two-time Grammy nominee and Verve Music Group recording artist, Ledisi, as a very special guest vocalist. Many people know Ledisi for her astonishing vocal talent as an R&B artist—but wait until you hear her sing jazz.

The Chicago Jazz Ensemble concludes its 2010-2011 season with a very special program as part of Jazz at Symphony Center on Friday, May 20, at 8pm when we honor one of Chicago's greatest musical artists, **Mahalia Jackson**, in the year of what would have been her 100th birthday. The CJE welcomes Jon Faddis as special guest conductor. Other special guests will join the CJE to present new arrangements of music most frequently associated with Ms. Jackson.

The Chicago Jazz Ensemble is: **DANA HALL** Music Director & drums; alto saxophones, **DAN NICHOLSON** and **JARRARD HARRIS**; tenor saxophones, **PAT MALLINGER** and **ROB DENTY** (also clarinet); baritone saxophone, **TIM McNAMARA**; trombones, **ANDY BAKER**, **TIM COFFMAN**, **TRACY KIRK**, and **THOMAS MATTA**; trumpets,

MARK OLEN, LARRY BOWEN, ART HOYLE and PHAREZ WHITTED; piano, **JEREMY KAHN;** guitar, **JEFF PARKER;** bass, **DAN ANDERSON;** vocals, **BOBBI WILSYN.**

Season Tickets are available. Attend all three shows for as little as \$40. Discounts available for 2 pack (25%) and full season (30%). In addition to discounts, season ticket benefits include preferred seating, cost savings on handling fees, and invitations to attend Open Rehearsals. All season ticket packages must be purchased by phone. Please call (312) 334-7777. More information about season ticket benefits is available at www.chicagोजazzensemble.com.

Single show tickets for the Chicago Jazz Ensemble at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance, located at 205 East Randolph on the northeast corner of Chicago's Millennium Park, are \$15 - \$45, with discounts for senior citizens and groups. All student tickets are \$5. Tickets can be purchased at (312) 334-7777 or www.harristheaterchicago.com.

To purchase tickets to the Symphony Center performance on May 20th, please call (312) 294-3000 or go to www.cso.org.

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