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28TH ANNUAL SAN JOSE JAZZ SUMMER FEST 2017
Friday, August 11 - Sunday, August 13
Plaza de César Chavez Park, Downtown San Jose, Calif.
Event Info: summerfest.sanjosejazz.org

Jazz Night In America
To Record Performances of
Daymé Arocena & Cyrille Aimée
At San Jose Jazz Summer Fest 2017

Bay Area's Own Jazz Station KCSM
To Live Broadcast Sets by Daymé Arocena, Cyrille Aimée, California & Montreal Guitar Trios,
and Jazz By Five w/ Javon Jackson, George Cables, Randy Brecker, Eddie Gomez, & Jimmy Cobb
at the Silicon Valley Community Foundation Hammer Theatre Stage on Sunday, August 13, 2017

San Jose, Calif. – Silicon Valley's premier annual music event, **San Jose Jazz Summer Fest 2017** returns for its 28th festival season from Friday, August 11 through Sunday, August 13 in and around Plaza de César Chavez Park in downtown San Jose, Calif. San Jose Jazz is proud to announce that ***Jazz Night in America***, one of the nation's leading jazz broadcasts, will be on-site to record performances by **Cyrille Aimée** and **Daymé Arocena** at the **Silicon Valley Community Foundation Hammer Theatre Stage** on Sunday, August 13. A co-production of NPR, radio station WBGO, and Jazz at Lincoln Center, ***Jazz Night in America*** will feature the two performances on the weekly program in September 2017, and syndicated nationwide across NPR's affiliate stations.

As part of this effort, NPR affiliate **KCSM** will broadcast four performances from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation Hammer Theatre Stage on Sunday, August 13. Featured performances will include sets by **Cyrille Aimée**, **Daymé Arocena**, **California Guitar Trio** and **Montreal Guitar Trios**, and **Jazz By Five** with renowned jazz musicians **Javon Jackson**, **George Cables**, **Randy Brecker**, **Eddie Gomez**, and **Jimmy Cobb**.

"We are thrilled to be able to partner with Jazz Night in America and San Jose Jazz, to broadcast live an entire day's performance from the Hammer Theater to our members and listeners from across the world," says **Dante Betteo**, **KCSM-FM Station Manager**. "These are exactly the kind of alliances we need to build to strengthen and expand the fan base of this intrinsically American music genre."

Brendan Rawson, **Executive Director of San Jose Jazz**, comments, "It's an honor for us to have Jazz Night in America and the partnerships involved to make this happen here at Summer Fest this year. It is a great addition to our hosting of the national JazzWeek Summit convening of jazz broadcasters that has happened at Summer Fest now three years in a row. In particular, I'm thrilled that JNIA has decided to spotlight a couple of the exceptional international artists we bring to San Jose each year."

A showcase for jazz, blues, funk, R&B, salsa and related genres, SJZ Summer Fest is a standout summer destination for music lovers, concert-goers and families alike with the three-day event featuring 120+ performances on 10 stages in downtown San Jose. SJZ Summer Fest 2017 presents some of today's top stage performers on the **Sobrato Organization Main Stage** including **Chris Botti**,

George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic, Robert Glasper Experiment, Maceo Parker, Angélique Kidjo and Pedrito Martinez, The Whispers, and is among the region's premier showcases for homegrown Bay Area talent.

SJZ Summer Fest is way too much fun for only one day, with late night programming and a Club Crawl through the wee hours. For detailed information on the Club Crawl, please visit: summerfest.sanjosejazz.org/lineup/club-crawl

Highlights of Featured Artists -- Jazz Night In America & KCSM Live Broadcast -- 28th Annual San Jose Jazz Summer Fest 2017

Rooted in Santería chant, rhythmic complexity, and a nuanced Afro-Cuban soulfulness, singer/composer **Daymé Arocena** is one of the "most inviting ambassadors" for Cuba's contemporary music. *The New York Times* raves that "Ms. Arocena unites cosmopolitan musicianship with deep roots," and *Billboard* adds that, "while US and Cuban politicians...struggle to find common ground, Arocena's big voice finds harmony in the two countries' shared musical history." Her third album, *One Takes*, was released on Gilles Peterson's Brownswood Recordings label and features Horace Silver's "Golds of Yoruba," among a collection of masterfully reimagined covers that further bridge her musical worlds.

French-Dominican vocalist and actress **Cyrille Aimée** and winner of the Montreux Jazz Festival's Vocal Competition, the Sarah Vaughn International Jazz Vocal Competition and finalist in the Thelonious Monk Vocal Competition, she is—in the words of Will Friedwald of *The Wall Street Journal*—"one of the most promising jazz singers of her generation." *The New York Times* referred to Aimée's major label release, *It's a Good Day*, as "a bravura turn, presented with a smile." Featuring originals as well as covers of classics, the band is the result of Aimée's unique musical vision: bass, drums and three guitars (Brazilian, gypsy and jazz).

Featuring six virtuoso guitarists from an array of countries (Japan, Canada, Belgium and the United States), **California Guitar Trio** (CGT) and **Montreal Guitar Trio** (MG3) fuse over 40 years of combined performing experience into one unique six-by-6-string "phenomensemble." CGT's steel-stringed guitars blend naturally with MG3's nylon-stringed guitars to compliment one another's original and new compositions of progressive rock, world, jazz and classical music. From unique arrangements to dazzling interpretations of music from artists such as Queen, the Beatles, Bach, Beethoven, and the Ventures, their wide-ranging repertoire covers almost everything.

The quintet **Jazz By Five** is made up of established jazz musicians **Javon Jackson, George Cables, Randy Brecker, Eddie Gomez, and Jimmy Cobb**. Tenor saxophonist Javon Jackson has been a highly sought out composer, live performer and jazz educator since coming into international prominence through his work with the legendary Art Blakey. As a major voice in modern jazz, George Cables has performed and recorded with many jazz greats including Joe Henderson, Roy Haynes, Dizzy Gillespie, Bobby Hutcherson and more. Jazz trumpeter and composer Randy Brecker has helped shape the sound of jazz, R&B and rock for more than four decades and his music has graced hundreds of albums by a wide range of artists such as James Taylor, Bruce Springsteen, Frank Sinatra, Steely Dan and Frank Zappa. Legendary bassist and two-time GRAMMY® Award-winning Eddie Gomez has performed and recorded with artists in all genres including Art Garfunkel, Jennifer Holliday, McCoy Tyner, and Nancy Wilson. Jazz drummer and elder statesman of all of Miles Davis' bands, Jimmy Cobb has collaborated with an array of musicians and is an active performer in New York City, Japan, China, Netherlands, France, Germany, Italy and South Africa with his group Jimmy Cobb's Mob.

Get ready for an electrifying lineup of acclaimed artists appearing at the 28th San Jose Jazz Summer Fest 2017!

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Admission: summerfest.sanjosejazz.org/buy-now

More info: summerfest.sanjosejazz.org; 408.288.7557

Summer Fest 2017 Artist Lineup

Friday, August 11 – Sunday, August 13

Chris Botti; George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic; Robert Glasper Experiment; Maceo Parker; The Whispers; Angélique Kidjo's Celia Cruz Tribute with Pedrito Martinez; Dr. Lonnie Smith Trio; Jazz By 5 with Javon Jackson, George Cables, Randy Brecker, Eddie Gomez & Jimmy Cobb; San Francisco String Trio with Mimi Fox, Mads Tolling and Jeff Denson; Cyrille Aimée; The Seshen; Pacific Mambo Orchestra; Oscar Hernandez and Alma Libre; California and Montreal Guitar Trios; Peter Cincotti; Daymé Arocena; Orgone; Anton Schwartz Sextet; Eddie Henderson Quartet; Samantha Fish; Rickey Woodard; Kalil Wilson With Love; Naughty Professor; Allan Harris Quartet; Hip Bone Big Band with Michael Davis; Zydeco Flames; Claudia Villela Quintet; Jackie Gage; The Sons Of The Soul Revivers; JC Smith Band; Aaron Lington Sextet; Ginetta's Vendetta; fatsO; Conjunto Karabali; Juan Pollo Raffo; A.C. Myles; Big Sandy and His Fly Rite Boys; Danny Green Trio; Carmen Lundy; Sasha Masakowski; Emilio Solla Quartet; Dmitri Matheny Jazz Noir; Tia Brazda; Gregory Page; Kavita Shah; Ray Obiedo; Tommy Igoe Groove Conspiracy; Allison Adams Tucker; Taimane; Brian Andres Afro Cuban Cartel; Somos el Son; Cabanijazz Project; Carlitos Medrano; The Bay Area Salsa

All-Stars featuring Jimmy Bosch; Guitar Extravaganza with Hristo Vitchev, Rick Vandivier, John Stowell, and Bruce Forman; Lily Hernandez; Joomanji; San Jose Jazz High School All Stars; San Jose Jazz Summer Camp Combo; Latin Jazz Youth Ensemble of San Francisco; Monterey Jazz Festival High School All-Star Band; Monterey Jazz Festival High School Honor Vocal Jazz Ensemble; San Jose Jazz Summer Camp Combo; East Bay Jazz High School All-Stars; Valley Christian High School All Stars; Mariachi Estelar; Mr. Clifford's Young Jazz All Stars; Junior Dixieland CZ; West Valley Octet; Sons of Jubal; Top Shelf Big Band; Los Gatos-Saratoga Big Band; Ron Gariffo Orchestra; Millenium Sounds; Octobop; Full Spectrum Jazz; Footnotes Big Band Jazz; and The Lyratones.

Artist interviews are available upon request.

Ticket Information

3-Day Pass Adult VIP (\$345 gate)

Includes Reserved Main Stage Seating Sat & Sun, Free Food & Beverages in Exclusive VIP Pavilion, Priority Access to All Indoor Fest Venues, Complimentary Garage Parking During Festival Hours

3-Day Pass Adult PRIORITY ACCESS (\$170 gate)

Skip the Line at All Indoor Fest Venues, Sat–Sun; \$20 in Beverage Tickets

3-Day Pass Adult ALL STAGES (\$100 gate)

Access to ALL Indoor & Outdoor Fest Venues

3-Day Pass Adult GENERAL ADMISSION (GA) (\$70 gate)

3-Day Pass Child (\$15)

Admission for one child aged 5-12, with access to stages and hospitality areas at SJZ Summer Fest according to the access level of an accompanying adult. This low-priced ticket is designed to allow families to affordably enjoy the Fest and is not discounted from the Gate Price.

Single Tickets (\$20 - \$150 beginning August 1)

Friday, August 11: VIP \$75 beginning August 1; GA \$15 advance, \$20 beginning August 1.

Saturday & Sunday, August 12-13: VIP \$150 beginning August 1; Priority Access \$75 beginning August 1; All Stages \$40 beginning August 1; GA \$25 beginning August 1.

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About San Jose Jazz

Founded in 1986, San Jose Jazz is a public benefit corporation celebrating jazz as a dynamic, evolving art form and is producer of the annual San Jose Jazz Summer Fest and Winter Fest. With its singular music programming and innovative educational offerings, San Jose Jazz preserves the jazz tradition while actively supporting the next generation of performers within the genre and beyond. For more information, please visit sanjosejazz.org.

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