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MEDIA ALERT FOR MUSIC EDITORS AND CALENDAR LISTINGS

HILLCREST CENTER FOR THE ARTS CONCERTS ON THE HILL PRESENTS The Jon Stanger Jazz Trio

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. – The Hillcrest Center for the Arts' Concerts on the Hill presents The Jon Stanger Jazz Trio on Saturday, September 27 at 7:30pm in the Large Rehearsal Room. The Hillcrest Center for the Arts is located at 403 W. Hillcrest Avenue in Thousand Oaks. This versatile and soulful trio includes Jon Stanger on saxophones, Donnell Lambert on the upright bass with Kevin O'Neal on the grand piano and vocals.

The Jon Stanger Trio fuses the many shades and styles of music - from jazz standards to Bossa Nova, R&B Ballads, Latin, and more. Seasoned with an underlying vibe that conveys in equal parts tribute and interpretation, The Trio delivers on the promise of offering authentic and spirited music without compromising musical energy or passion. Their musical blend produces an exciting mixture of texture and timbre enhanced by professionalism, making them a favorite for large private events.

Jon Stanger began his musical career in Boston, studying Jazz Performance and Musical Composition at the New England Conservatory of Music. Since moving West, Jon has performed and recorded with many fine artists in California and Hawaii. He works regularly as a solo saxophonist.

Kevin O'Neal is a Grammy Award musician who also works as a composer and arranger and plays piano and bass. His vocals bring a unique style and personality. Specializing in acoustic music and multi-media productions, he has lent his talents in concert and recording

settings to numerous diverse artists, and also leads a vocal ensemble specializing in original Jazz-influenced music.

Donnell Lambert is descended from three generations of professional musicians. He has worked with such luminaries as Oscar Brown Jr., Jimmy Witherspoon, Johnny Hammond Smith, and Sun Ra. Donnell's style and overall musical concept are unique and critical to the versatility of the Trio. He is also a highly-regarded accompanist and soloist.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for seniors (55 and older) and students and may be purchased at the Hillcrest Center for the Arts Box Office or by calling (805) 381-1246 or www.hillcrestarts.com.

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DETAILS FOR CALENDAR LISTINGS

WHAT: Concerts on the Hill presents The Jon Stanger Jazz Trio. The dark, mellow sound of Jon Stanger's saxophones combined with the sweet and unique sounds of Kevin O'Neal's piano and vocals and Donnell Lambert's bass create a canvas thriving with intimate musical flavors.

WHEN:

Saturday, September 27 at 7:30 pm

WHERE:

Hillcrest Center for the Arts Large Rehearsal Room 403 W. Hillcrest Drive Thousand Oaks, CA

HOW: (805) 381-1246 or www.hillcrestarts.com

TICKETS:

General Admission: \$15 Students and seniors \$10

OTHER:

Free parking is always available. Accessible seating available by calling (805) 381-1246.