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### **39<sup>th</sup> Annual Detroit Jazz Festival Presented by Quicken Loans Features Remarkable Lineup of Hometown Artists**

DETROIT, Mich., July 11, 2018 – The largest free world-class jazz festival remains committed to its jazz heritage by including 15 hometown artists to the all-jazz lineup for the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Detroit Jazz Festival presented by Quicken Loans. This year’s collection of talented regional performers ranges from Grammy-winning artists to the Detroit Jazz Festival Orchestra, and will attract audience members of all backgrounds, ages and interests. The Festival runs through Labor Day weekend, August 31 – Sept. 3, in downtown Detroit.

“The number of renowned jazz musicians who began their journey as artists in Detroit is impressive,” said Chris Collins, president and artistic director of the Detroit Jazz Festival Foundation. “Detroit’s immense and incredibly talented jazz legacy is represented year-after-year through the regional lineup and is always a powerful display of Detroit’s jazz roots.”

Jazz aficionados attending the 2018 Detroit Jazz Festival can look forward to seeing the following hometown artists at this year’s event:

**Alex Harding & Organ Nation**

**Detroit Latino Jazz Project**

**Resident Ensemble: Terri Lyne Carrington and Esperanza Spalding – Tribute to Geri Allen with Detroit Jazz Festival Orchestra and conductor Edmar Colón Giebolini “Dream Time”**

**2018 Artist-in-Residence: Chick Corea with the Detroit Jazz Festival Symphony Orchestra and conductor, Steven Mercurio**

**Duffy King**

**Gene Dunlap**

**James Hughes**

**Joan Belgrave: You’re My Everything – Songs of Love & Life**



## **Leonard Bernstein 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tribute**

**Michael Jellick Sextet**

**Mind's Eye**

**Ralphe Armstrong Fusion Reunion**

**Straight Ahead 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion featuring: Regina Carter, Marion Hayden, Gayelynn McKinney and Alina Morr**

**Tenth World featuring Kevin Jones and Kelvin Sholar**

**2018 Detroit Jazz Festival Legacy Artist: Curtis Fuller Jam Session featuring the Detroit Trombone Ensemble, Clifford Monear, Marion Hayden, and David Taylor**

During Festival weekend, this eclectic group of hometown artists will join a powerful, diverse group of jazz greats from around the world, including the 2018 Artist-in-Residence, Chick Corea. Throughout the weekend, Corea will perform a wide range of sets with his Akoustic Band, Elektric Band and a sextet with the Detroit Jazz Festival Symphony Orchestra. Another group of performers hitting the stage at this year's event is the 2018 inaugural Resident Ensemble, featuring Terri Lyne Carrington and Esperanza Spalding. The Ensemble's music will be focused on and inspired by the music of the late Geri Allen, known for her outstanding artistic talent and dedication to educating young musicians. Carrington and Spalding are also part of The Untitled Series presented by Quicken Loans.

"The incredible display of talent – especially in the jazz sector – that Detroit has to offer makes selecting the lineup of regional artists a challenge each year," said Collins. "I'm really looking forward to seeing this year's unique and diverse group of hometown artists that will take the stage Labor Day weekend."

For those who can't make it to the Festival or those looking to not miss a performance throughout the weekend, the Detroit Jazz Fest LIVE! streaming service is returning in 2018. For \$10, viewers can watch live performances from their mobile devices, tablets and desktops. The service comes equipped with several helpful features including Festival maps, the full lineup, artist bios and much more. Purchase the service at [live.detroitjazzfest.com](http://live.detroitjazzfest.com). This livestreaming service was made possible through a generous donation from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation.

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### **About the Detroit Jazz Festival Foundation**

The Detroit Jazz Festival Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization that presents jazz and educational workshops throughout the year. The Foundation supports the Detroit Jazz Festival, which is the largest free jazz festival in the world and a major tourist attraction for the City of Detroit, with 26 percent of its audience coming from out of state.

The Foundation receives grant funding from the Kresge Foundation, Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, Erb Family Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts to support education programs, community engagement activities and Festival operations. Hundreds of individuals also contribute to the Festival through Rhythm Section memberships and annual Guardian contributions.

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