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Jazz Legends Valery Ponomarev, Tommy James and Five-Time Grammy® Nominated Vocalist Amy Hānaiali'i to Headline Jazz Maui 2014

Weeklong event runs from July 28th to August 3rd at venues including the Maui Arts & Cultural Center; The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua; the Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa and the Whaler's Village Courtyard

June 18th, 2014 (Lahaina, HI)— Do you love jazz and frequently wish you could transport yourself to the heart of New York City to get your fix? If so, then you're in luck. A plane ticket won't be required as some of the world's top jazz musicians are set to make their way to the Valley Isle for Jazz Maui 2014.

Presented by the non-profit Arts Education for Children Group, Jazz Maui takes place from July 28th through August 3rd and features live performances by Tommy James of the Duke Ellington Orchestra, legendary NYC trumpet player Valery Ponomarev, Maui's own five-time Grammy® nominated vocalist Amy Hānaiali'i and many more. Festival performances offer a rare match up of on and off island talent performing with guest artists, backed by ensembles of local and visiting jazz musicians.

Jazz Maui performances take place at multiple island venues including the Maui Arts & Cultural Center; The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua; the Sheraton Maui and King Kekaulike High School. A series of free jazz performances will also take place at the Whalers Village Courtyard in Kā'anapali.

Performance highlights include Amy Hānaiali'i's intimate jazz and classic Hawaiian music performance in The Ritz Carlton, Kapalua's Anuenue Room on Thursday July 31.st

“What an exciting time for me to return to my roots of professional music. After graduating from Music Conservatory, performing at the Anuenue Room at The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua was my first professional standing gig. Five nights a week for five hours a night, I was able to hone my craft for five years. Anybody who was anybody came through that room to see the show. I am so excited to capture the essence of that creative time singing the old classics, and reopen a new era based on my career at this time, focusing on Jazz and Hawaiian Music. Revisit your memories with me and enjoy,” states Hānaiali'i.

On Friday August 1st at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center, the Jazz Maui All Stars featuring New York Trumpeter Valery Ponomarev take to the stage. He will be joined by Honolulu vocalist Shari Lynn, Tommy James, and more. On Saturday, August 2nd, the Sheraton Maui will play host to the Grand Festival Concert & Dance: The Story of Swing Big Band Concert under the direction of Tommy James of the Duke Ellington Orchestra. Multiple island dance troupes will be participating and swing dancing is encouraged at this event.

Jazz Maui 2014 also includes workshops for musicians of all levels, taught by guest artists. Workshop highlights include a Big Band Swing workshop with Tommy James, a horn workshop with Valery Ponomarev, and a vocal workshop with renowned Honolulu vocalist Shari Lynn.

“Jazz Maui 2014 provides an opportunity for local residents, music students, aspiring young musicians, professional musicians, and jazz music aficionados to participate in and/or attend high quality jazz music performance concerts on Maui. We provide a venue for young aspiring local jazz musicians to establish connections within the professional jazz music scene that may facilitate career opportunities,” states Jazz Maui Founder, Bryant Neal.

Jazz Maui would not be possible without the generous support of Equity One Realty, the County of Maui, the Hawaii Tourism Authority, Dancin' Dave Productions, The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua, the Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa, Whaler's Village, Makana Aloha Foundation, Sumek Dance LLC and Mana'o Hana Hou Radio.

The full festival schedule and ticket purchase information can be found at www.jazzmaui.org or you can call 808-283-3576 for more info. Tickets for the Jazz Maui All Stars Concert can be purchased through the Maui Arts & Cultural Center Box Office at 808-242-SHOW or www.mauiarts.com.

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Jazz Maui 2014 Performance and Workshop Schedule

Performances:

Putting on the Ritz: Amy Hānaiali'i Live at the Anuenue

Thursday July 31, 7:00 PM

The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua Anuenue Room

Tickets: \$45

To purchase tickets, go to www.jazzmaui.org

As a five-time Grammy® nominated artist and Hawai'i's top selling female vocalist of all time, Amy Hānaiali'i returns to the Anuenue room to kick off Jazz Maui 2014, performing an intimate jazz and classic Hawaiian concert in the Anuenue Room at The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua. The concert will also feature an exclusive art auction / sale to benefit music education on Maui.

Jazz Maui All Stars featuring New York Trumpeter, Valery Ponomarev

Friday, August 1st, 7:30pm Concert, 6pm Pre-show in courtyard

The Maui Arts & Cultural Center's McCoy Studio Theater

Tickets: \$30, *plus applicable fees*

To purchase tickets go to www.mauiarts.org or call 808-242-SHOW

The Jazz Maui 2014 All Star Concert features an evening of world class jazz, starring NYC-based Russian trumpeter Valery Ponomarev of Art Blakey & the Jazz Messengers; Honolulu vocalist Shari Lynn, who performed with George Shear; and award-winning pianist Tommy James, music director of the Duke Ellington Orchestra! Pre-show performance in the courtyard with Na Ali'i Big Band.

Grand Festival Concert & Dance - The Story of Swing Big Band Concert under the direction of Tommy James of the Duke Ellington Orchestra.

Saturday August 2nd, 7:00pm

Location: Sheraton Maui

Tickets: \$35

To purchase tickets, go to www.jazzmaui.org

This concert will feature the music of all the classic composers Basie, Goodman, Dorsey, Ellington and more performed by a world class combined orchestra comprised of members of Nassau Suffolk Performing Arts, the Moonglow All-Star Swing Band and Maui Community Band. The Maui Swing Dancers will be present as special guests. Swing Dancers are encouraged to attend.

Jazz in the Village Series

Free concerts at the Whalers Village Center Stage

Jazz In the Village –Chop Suey & King Kekaulike Jazz Band

Thursday, July 31st, 6:00pm

Free

This event will showcase the talented King Kekaulike Jazz Band in concert with local and visiting faculty. Under the direction of Casey Nagata, the concert will also feature the faculty Jazz ensemble Chop Suey.

Jazz In the Village - Coco Land Jazz

Friday August 1, 6:00 pm

Free

“A Night of 1,000 Drums” is a retrospective evening of Tropical Swing dating back to the styles of Martin Denny.

Jazz In the Village - 21 Degrees North & Na Ali’i Big Band

Sunday, August 3, 6:00 pm

Free

Enjoy some of Maui’s most talented Jazz musicians and the talented Na Ali’i Big Band.

Workshop Series:

The Story of Swing Big Band Workshop / Rehearsal Series

July 28-29, 6:30 pm

King Kekaulike High School

Free

Reservations required. To register, go to www.jazzmaui.org.

Under the direction of Tommy James, this rehearsal series features Hawaii-based jazz performers and students preparing for the Grand Festival Concert. Music students playing all band instruments, intermediate to advanced levels are invited to attend.

Jazz Maui 2014 Master Class Series-Vocals with Shari Lynn

Wednesday, July 30th 5:00 pm

Baldwin High School Band Rooms

\$25 Tuition. Financial assistance available.

To purchase tickets, go to www.jazzmaui.org.

Vocal intensive for singers who want to fine tune their performance skills. Each participating singer will prepare a solo from the Great American Songbook and bring a piano chart in their key. Singers will receive individual coaching during the Master Class. This class is limited to eight people. It may be audited (no individual instruction) for a reduced fee. Shari Lynn will also be available for private coaching sessions.

Jazz Maui 2014 Master Class Series- Horn workshop with Valery Ponomarev

Wednesday, July 30th 5:00 PM

Baldwin High School Band Rooms

\$25 Tuition. Financial assistance available.

To purchase tickets, go to www.jazzmaui.org.

In this workshop, world-renowned trumpet player will focus on finding balance between correct breathing and embouchure. Students will concentrate on the work of muscle groups, which form both. This workshop is suitable for all levels of horn players.