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HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY'S BABY GRAND JAZZ HOSTS GRAMMY AWARD-WINNER NICOLE ZURAITIS

(Hartford, CT) – Connecticut native, Nicole Zuraitis is a Grammy winning and two-time Grammy-nominated jazz singer-songwriter, pianist and arranger. Nicole will be performing this Sunday, March 17th at 3:00 p.m. in Hartford Public Library's (HPL) Baby Grand Jazz Series.

The New York-based bandleader and winner of the prestigious 2021 American Traditions Vocal Competition Gold Medal will be performing with Dan Pugach on drums, Idan Morim on guitar and Sam Weber on bass. Nichole has a "heart as big as her remarkable voice," (Jazz Police), and has positioned herself as one of the top artists and "prolific songwriters" (Broadway World) to watch in jazz and beyond. As a recording artist, Nicole has released five albums as leader. Her sixth album *How Love Begins*, co-produced with eight-time Grammy-winner Christian McBride, released July 7th, 2023, featured all original music. The album won Best Jazz Vocal Album for the 2024 Grammy awards.



HPL's popular Baby Grand Jazz Series celebrates its 20th season with the support of a generous three-year sponsorship from The Kaman Foundation. The free series features accomplished jazz musicians and bands from around the region. HPL will continue to host the Baby Grand Jazz series Sunday afternoons through April in the Center for Contemporary Culture (CCC) at the Downtown Library. The Kaman Foundation has been funding Baby Grand Jazz since 2015, and their sponsorship will support the successful concert series and provide for continued growth, fostering a love and appreciation for modern America's original art form, Jazz. Baby Grand Jazz is celebrating its 20th season in 2024 at the same time that the HPL is celebrating our 250th anniversary year.

This season, while construction is progressing within the Downtown Library, customers are asked to use the Arch Street entrance to access the CCC during Baby Grand Jazz. The doors open at 2:00 p.m. and the concerts are from 3:00-4:00 p.m., Sundays, through April. All shows will continue to be streamed on Hartford Public Library's [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

Baby Grand Jazz at Hartford Public Library is sponsored by the Kaman Foundation. Longtime partners include the Hartford Jazz Society and WWUH 91.3 FM. For more information, visit: www.hplct.org/classes-seminars-exhibits/baby-grand-jazz



About Hartford Public Library: Founded as the Library Company in 1774, and over its 250 years, Hartford Public Library has remained at the forefront of redefining the urban library experience in the 21st century. With seven locations throughout the city, the library provides education, intellectual enrichment, and cultural development for thousands of children, youth, and adults every year. Hartford Public Library has also gained local and national recognition for its wide range of new initiatives and partnerships designed to meet the needs of a diverse and dynamic city and region, including immigration services, employment assistance, and youth leadership training. For more information, visit hplct.org

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