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## **Baby Grand Jazz Series at Hartford Public Library Swings into Spring**



*Internationally-acclaimed jazz pianist and composer Hey Rim Jeon closes the Baby Grand Jazz 2015 series on April 26.*

**Hartford, Connecticut (April 2, 2015)** – As spring arrives, April marks the final weeks of **Hartford Public Library’s 12th Annual Baby Grand Jazz Series, 16 weeks of free, world-class jazz concerts in Downtown Hartford.** The highly-anticipated series features noted regional talent from New York City to Boston and throughout Connecticut, and blends traditional styles with new sounds in a celebration of the diversity of jazz culture.

- The final month of the 2015 series kicks off on **Sunday, April 12 at 3:00 p.m. with the Curtis Brothers**, homegrown Connecticut talents making their mark in New York City, across the

country and throughout the world. **Zaccai and Luques Curtis** are 21st Century artists grounded in the artistic values of the 20th Century, the time when they first began their extensive musical studies in Hartford and a steadfast commitment to the advancement of the art form that surrounded them in a childhood household rich with the sounds of music, both jazz and Latin.

- The music continues on **Sunday, April 19 at 3:00 p.m. with the Brian Marsella Trio**. Marsella is a pianist, composer, band leader, and educator rising in the ranks of New York's young music stars. His musical stylings can be heard on numerous recordings and on concert stages across the globe. Growing up in Bucks County, PA, Marsella taught himself to play piano by ear, listening to his father play the saxophone and vibes. His discography includes seven albums on Zorn's Tzadik label, including Zorn's Mount Analogue. Most recently, Marsella can be heard on Jon Madof's Jewish afrobeat album, Zion80. His film credits include the performance and arrangement of Jessica Lurie's score for Daniel Zezelji's film, "Fibonacci Bread," and original music for Jackie Pare's tap dance documentary, "Tap or Die."
- Closing out the 16-week series is internationally-acclaimed jazz pianist and composer **Hey Rim Jeon on Sunday, April 26, at 3:00 p.m.** Described as a "brilliant pianist" by legendary saxophonist Benny Golson, Jeon has been featured on WNBC's "Weekend Today in New York", and a documentary special broadcast on KBN, Korea's National TV network channel. Jeon will be performing jazz standards and original compositions from her latest CD, Introducing Hey Rim Jeon. Joining her on her albums are such talents as Dave Liebman, Terri Lyne Carrington, James Genus and West Hartford native Richie Barshay.

Baby Grand Jazz 2015 is sponsored by The Charles H. Kaman Charitable Foundation. All performances are free and held at the Downtown Library, located at 500 Main Street, Hartford at 3:00 p.m. Concerts can also be viewed online via livestream by visiting [hplct.org](http://hplct.org).

For more information on the series and these performers, please visit [hplct.org](http://hplct.org).

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