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BMA ANNOUNCES 2016 JAZZ IN THE SCULPTURE GARDEN SUMMER CONCERTS

BALTIMORE, MD (May 23, 2016)—The BMA’s popular Jazz in the Sculpture Garden concert series is back! Join fellow jazz enthusiasts for this one-of-a-kind summer event with regional and national talents performing amidst a fantastic collection of modern art in the museum’s lush Sculpture Garden. Performers this year are Tizer Quartet featuring Karen Briggs, Don Braden Quintet featuring Vanessa Rubin, and Tony Tovar y Proyecto Jazz. These casual concerts take place on select Saturdays in August at 7 p.m. Concerts regularly sell out so advance ticket purchase is strongly recommended. Tickets are $45 and go on sale to the general public beginning June 15. BMA Member tickets are $30 and go on sale June 1.

Concert-goers can choose intimate concert seating provided by the BMA or bring their own chairs or blankets for a picnic. Gertrude’s restaurant offers Jazz+Dinner tickets, which include an elegant three-course meal served on the terrace during the concert. Call 410-889-3399 for reservations, but hurry—these tickets usually sell out within a week of going on sale as BMA Members receive priority reservations. In addition to the concert, explore the connection between art and music through the BMA’s pre-concert VIP Tours at 5:30 p.m. As part of this exclusive tour, enjoy premium reserved seating in the garden or auditorium and a glass of wine from Gertrude’s. Tickets for the concert + tour are $65; $50 for BMA Members.

AUGUST 6 – TIZER QUARTET FEATURING KAREN BRIGGS
Lauded as a “master” by The Baltimore Sun, keyboardist Lao Tizer and his group will be joined by violinist Karen Briggs. The jazz violinist extraordinaire has performed with Chaka Khan, Diana Ross, and Wu-Tang Clan.

AUGUST 13 – DON BRADEN QUINTET FEATURING VANESSA RUBIN
Renowned saxophonist Don Braden has headlined concerts around the world and been featured with greats such as Betty Carter, Wynton Marsalis, and Freddie Hubbard. Vanessa Rubin will lend her incredible range and liquid phrasing to the night.

AUGUST 20 – TONY TOVAR Y PROYECTO JAZZ
Get up and salsa or sit back and sway with Proyecto Jazz—a virtual who’s who of the best Latin artists on the D.C. jazz scene, featuring Tony Tovar on trombone.

Concerts are hosted by the BMA’s Joshua Johnson Council. Media sponsor is WYPR 88.1 FM.
Tickets go on sale Wednesday, June 15, and are available in person at the BMA Box Office or online at www.artbma.org. For ticket information, call 443-573-1701.

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SUNNY DAY TICKETS
If the skies are clear and the heat index is mild, the Museum will release more than 150 tickets at 1 p.m. on the day of the concert for outdoor seating. Call the BMA Box Office at 443-573-1701 for details on the day of the event.

INCLEMENT WEATHER
In the event of inclement weather, concerts are held in the BMA Meyerhoff Auditorium. Call the BMA Box Office at 443-573-1701 after 1 p.m. for updates. Outdoor Jazz+Dinner reservations must be changed to indoor seating or rescheduled by calling Gertrude’s at 410-889-3399. No refunds or exchanges.

WURTZBURGER SCULPTURE GARDEN
The elegant Alan and Janet Wurtzburger Sculpture Garden sets the stage for great art and jazz. Designed in 1980 by landscape architect George E. Patton, special features of this 17,000-square-foot garden include the formal entrance gate, expansive terraces with elegant bluestone paving, a two-level reflecting pool, and informal plantings that provide a showcase for 19 major sculptures from the Wurtzburger’s collection. On view are masterworks by artists such as Alexander Calder, Henry Moore, and Isamu Noguchi.

ABOUT THE BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF ART
The Baltimore Museum of Art is home to an internationally renowned collection of 19th-century, modern, and contemporary art. Founded in 1914 with a single painting, the BMA today has 95,000 works of art—including the largest holding of works by Henri Matisse in the world. Throughout the museum, visitors will find an outstanding selection of American and European painting, sculpture, and decorative arts; prints and drawings from the 15th century to the present; works by established and emerging contemporary artists; and exceptional objects from Africa and Asia. Two beautifully landscaped gardens display an array of 20th-century sculpture that is an oasis in the city. Since 2006, the BMA has provided free general admission so that everyone can enjoy the power of art.

VISITOR INFORMATION
General admission to the BMA is free. Special exhibitions may be ticketed. The BMA is open Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.–6 p.m. The Museum is closed Monday, Tuesday, New Year’s Day, July 4, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The BMA is located on Art Museum Drive at 10 Art Museum Drive, three miles north of Baltimore’s Inner Harbor. For general Museum information, call 443-573-1700 or visit artbma.org.

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