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**World-Renowned Jazz & Classical Musicians Gather to Celebrate 25 Years of  
Magical Evenings of Music in Coral Gables!**

*Coral Gables Congregational Church Community Arts Program  
Summer Concert Series Marks its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
with a Spectacular Summer Concert Series Line-up*  
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**MIAMI, FL — April 15, 2010** — This summer, **June 3 through August 12**, in a quiet Miami neighborhood and within the Coral Gables Congregational Church (CGCC) intimate, historic Spanish-revival style setting, concert goers will have the unique opportunity to be awed and entertained by the music industry's most talented and revered classical and jazz figures. These artists will perform and delight audiences in celebration of the CGCC Community Arts Program 25<sup>th</sup> Summer Concerts Series season!

The Summer Concert Series has entertained more than 60,000 people since it began in 1985. The Series has grown into a valued tradition and, more recently, part of a Community Arts Program that also provides music education to children within its Conservatory for the Arts. *"The Summer Concert Series is a rare opportunity to hear world-renowned artists in the intimate and beautiful Coral Gables Congregational Church,"* says Shelton G. Berg, University of Miami Dean of the Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music. *"The Conservatory for the Arts provides high-quality music education to children, many of whom would otherwise be denied access to the wonder of music and the beauty of the artistic spirit."*

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Summer Concert Series Line up:

- ♪ **June 3 – Preservation Hall Jazz Band:** is hailed as “stunning, joyous and alive”. Direct from the Crescent city and the historical birthplace of the band which opened in the French Quarter nearly a half a century ago: the band has traveled worldwide spreading their mission and music to nurture and perpetuate the distinctive art form of New Orleans Jazz.
- ♪ **June 17 – Mark Kosower, newly-appointed Cleveland Orchestra principal cello,** is one of the outstanding cellists of his generation. Acclaimed by musicians and critics alike for his instrumental mastery and deep musical integrity, he is the distinguished recipient of the Avery Fisher Career Grant and was recently awarded a SONY Grant through the Salon de Virtuosi in New York.
- ♪ **July 1 – Ann Hampton Callaway, singer and songwriter,** is also known as an insatiable creative spirit. As a champion of the Great American Songbook, she has made her mark as a singer, pianist, composer, lyricist, arranger, actress, educator, TV host and producer. Her unique singing style blends jazz and traditional pop, making her a mainstay in concert halls, theaters and jazz clubs as well as in the recording studio, on television, and in film. She is best known for Tony-nominated performance in the hit Broadway musical *Swing!*
- ♪ **July 15 – Awadagin Pratt, classical pianist,** is acclaimed for his musical insight and intensely-involving performances in recital and with symphony orchestras. He began studying piano at the age of six. Three years later, he also began studying violin. At the early age of 16, he entered the University of Illinois where he studied piano, violin, and conducting. He subsequently enrolled at the Peabody Conservatory of Music where he became the first student in the school's history to receive diplomas in three performance areas: piano, violin and conducting. In recognition of this achievement and for his work in the field of classical music, Mr. Pratt recently received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Johns Hopkins.

♪ **July 29 – July 29 – Nicholas Payton, jazz trumpeter,** made his recording debut in 1994 as a leader with *From this Moment*. Since then, the trumpeter has been lauded as a significant, top-tier voice in jazz. Payton continued to hone his craft working with such jazz legends as Doc Cheatham (on their Grammy Award-winning 1997 eponymous duo), Hank Jones, Elvin Jones, and Ray Brown. In 2003, he boldly moved beyond the straight-ahead. He shocked the jazz world with his adventurous CD *Sonic Trance*, an exhilarating plugged-in outing infused with elements of hip-hop, electronica, and effects-driven trumpeting.

♪ **August 12 – Ramsey Lewis, jazz pianist,** is a captivating and multiple Grammy award-winning pianist and composer. Mr. Lewis has been referred to as "The Great Performer," a title reflecting his performance style and musical selections that display his early gospel roots and classical training. They are coupled with his love of jazz and other musical forms which have made him one of the nation's most successful jazz pianists.

*"We are very excited to mark this important 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary milestone of the program with a diverse and world-class line up of artists,"* says Mark Hart, Executive & Artistic Director of the CGCC Community Arts Program. *"It's an honor to welcome concert goers from across the state and as far away as Europe, and rewarding to see the growth of our music education program for kids! In all, we've come to provide exceptional cultural and educationally-enriching experiences for more than 3,000 children and adults each year. That's the best part about celebrating 25 seasons!"*

**Summer Concert Series Ticket Prices & Order Information**  
***Order now; concerts sell-out quickly!***

**Individual Tickets**

**INDIVIDUAL GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS:** \$25 ea. in advance, \$30 ea. at the door (based on availability).

**INDIVIDUAL PATRON TICKETS:** \$40 ea. in advance; \$45 ea. at the door (based on availability). (Individual Patron tickets include reserved general seating within the first 5-8 rows and catered pre-concert receptions.)

**Series Tickets** *First priority is given to Series ticket holders.*

**PATRON SERIES: \$200** (Save \$ 40 and receive prime seating to all concerts! Patron Series includes opening night gala reception, reserved general seating within the first 5-8 rows, and catered pre-concert gatherings.)

**MINI-PATRON SERIES: \$150** (Save \$ 10 and receive prime seating to four concerts! Choose four concerts. Mini-Patron Series includes opening night gala reception, reserved general seating within the first 5-8 rows, and catered pre-concert gatherings.)

**MINI-GENERAL SERIES - \$120** (Choose four concerts. Mini-General Series includes early general seating.)

**Order Information**

**Order tickets by calling (305) 448-7421, ext. 153. VISA and MasterCard are accepted.** For instant processing and confirmation anytime; **order tickets quickly, safely, and conveniently on line at [www.communityartsprogram.org](http://www.communityartsprogram.org)** All concerts are Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. Free and convenient parking is available.

**One can also inquire about Young Musicians' Summer Master Classes**, to be given by the following artists on the Friday morning (10 a.m.-12 p.m.) following their concert: Mark Kosower, Awadagin Pratt, Nicholas Payton and Ramsey Lewis.

### **Directions**

Coral Gables Congregational Church is located at 3010 De Soto Boulevard (directly across from the Biltmore Hotel and five miles from Miami International Airport) in Coral Gables.

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