



Vermont Jazz Center

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Dear Friend of Jazz,

We feel especially grateful this year for our community's support of jazz in Vermont. Thanks to your steady support, nothing can stop the music, even events like August's Hurricane Irene. Due to Irene's flooding, we waited until the last minute to see whether October's Kenny Barron concert – the biggest concert we've ever produced – could be held at the Latchis Theater. Fortunately it was, and was a major success.

It is your financial support that enables us to host world-class performers like Kenny Barron, and to maintain our friendly ticket prices. We hope you will consider becoming or remaining a member of our broadening community of jazz with a new, renewed or increased gift to Vermont Jazz Center this fall.

Your financial support keeps jazz alive and thriving here. Without your generous giving we could not invite, year after year, some of the top jazz musicians in the world to perform right here in our community. Chuchito Valdes came up from Cuba and tore up the house; Sheila Jordan and Tia Fuller, Dave Stryker and our own VJC Big Band's Salute to the Mambo Kings, and others, are still on the way.

Of course, our interest in jazz goes well beyond our popular annual concert series. We continue to offer educational classes and workshops, and our long-running weekly jam session. Jazzers from Connecticut to central Vermont, eastern Massachusetts to the Green Mountains, travel regularly to the VJC to participate in coached ensembles, the new Gospel Choir and ear training classes, and the jam.

And every summer, musicians – young and not-so – make their way here from all over the world for our annual Summer Jazz Workshop, where a week can change their lives.

A donation to the Vermont Jazz Center is much more than a gift. It is an investment – in music, community and culture. Those who have visited or participated in our concerts, classes and workshops – those of you who have

joined us in jazz – know that **there is no place else quite like the Vermont Jazz Center.**

Please give, in the amount you are able, to the great cause of bringing the best music to our wide community of jazz lovers in New England and New York, and providing more opportunities for students of jazz to grow and share their gift.

As you consider this year's VJC donation, we again offer this incentive: **Receive one free ticket to a VJC concert of your choice with every donation of \$100 or more.**

Thank you for your generosity, and thanks always for your support of great jazz.

Sincerely,

signature, VJC Board President
signature, Artistic Director
signature, President Emeritus

Every person who longs for a healing environment that nurtures the soul and stimulates creativity needs to make a pilgrimage to the VJC. Ayana Lowe, jazz singer