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*JAZZ ROOTS: A Larry Rosen Jazz Series Returns for its Second Year*

**TICKETS ON SALE MAY 15TH**

**ATLANTA** – (May 14, 2013) – Coming off a successful first year of stellar Jazz concerts at the Cobb Energy Centre, *JAZZ ROOTS: A Larry Rosen Jazz Series* returns for a full series of five spectacular concerts. Jazz Roots, presented by the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre Foundation in partnership with presenting sponsor Kia Motors, announces its series of concerts for 2013 – 2014 including A Tribute to Ella, Joe, Basie; A Night In Rio; New Orleans!; Dave Koz & Friends Christmas Tour; and Georgia On My Mind: Celebrating Ray Charles.

“Congratulations to the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre Foundation for its hard work and its success in returning *JAZZ ROOTS: A Larry Rosen Jazz Series* to metro Atlanta for its second season,” said Cobb Energy Centre Managing Director Michael S. Taormina, CFE. “This is an exceptional opportunity for Atlanta audiences to enjoy the performances of world-class jazz musicians and—consistent with the Foundation’s educational focus—for all of us to better understand the influences and impact of this uniquely American art form.”

“We are thrilled to bring our *JAZZ ROOTS* series to Cobb Energy Centre for its second season and to the music fans of the Atlanta region,” said *JAZZ ROOTS* producer Larry Rosen. “Our concerts and accompanying education and outreach programs reach out into the community and bring folks together as we celebrate the great artists and the legacy of America’s music.”

### **Double Time: music and a mission**

*JAZZ ROOTS: A Larry Rosen Jazz Series* was created in conjunction with the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County. Established in 2008 and presented in cities throughout the United States, *JAZZ ROOTS* celebrates the blend of jazz, blues, gospel and R&B that, along with cultural, political and stylistic elements from American history, help create the music called jazz.

Music great Quincy Jones has proclaimed *JAZZ ROOTS* “the most important new concert and educational jazz series in America . . . this series is simply imperative.”

“The success of *JAZZ ROOTS* last year confirmed that the series is a natural fit for the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre Foundation, whose mission is to provide quality arts education programs and community outreach initiatives to the region,” said Alice J. Thacker, the Foundation’s Director of Development. “Through the *JAZZ ROOTS* education opportunities, the Foundation was able to further its mission and support of arts in education and provide over 2,000 students the opportunity to experience jazz either in the classroom or at a concert at the Centre.”

The *JAZZ ROOTS* series offer a unique opportunity for a host of young music lovers. For each of the concerts, 100 high school students from schools in the Atlanta region will attend the show, as well as enjoy the privilege of attending pre-concert sound checks and participating in special Q&A sessions with the performers. Additionally artists from the various concerts will visit schools to offer a master class for music students.

The 2013 – 2014 season will feature the following five phenomenal offerings:

**A Tribute to Ella, Joe, Basie** featuring Janis Siegel, Kevin Mahogany & Count Basie Orchestra on September 25, 2013 honoring two great singers Ella Fitzgerald and Joe Williams.

**A Night in Rio** presented by Sergio Mendes and Eliane Elias on October 26, 2013 will bring these two Brazilians stars together to perform a romantic mixture of styles called Bossa Nova.

**Dave Koz & Friends Christmas Tour** this year will ring in the holidays on December 2, 2013 featuring Dave Koz and Oleta Adams with additional guests to be announced at a later date.

**New Orleans!** Aaron Neville and Dirty Dozen Brass Band will begin the New Year with the sounds of New Orleans Jazz on January 30, 2014.

The season wraps up with **Georgia On My Mind: Celebrating Ray Charles** on February 26, 2014. The Salute will feature an impressive list of artists including: Take 6, Nnenna Freelon, Kirk Whalum, Shelly Berg and the Clark Atlanta University Band and Singers.

For additional information on the series please visit [www.jazzroots.net/atlanta](http://www.jazzroots.net/atlanta),

In addition to presenting sponsor Kia Motors, supporting sponsors for the series include: Celebrity Cruises, Copeland's of New Orleans, ArtWorks, Embassy Suites, Cooper Global and AAA Parking. The series' media sponsor is 91.9 - WCLK-FM, "The Jazz of the City".

Series tickets for JAZZ ROOTS are \$145.00 - \$455.00. A limited number of special VIP packages are priced at \$455.00 and include the very best seats in the house, complimentary parking for each performance courtesy of AAA parking, and a copy of Larry Rosen's The Music of the Americas two-CD set. All tickets are available at the Centre's Bank of North Georgia Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlet locations, Ticketmaster.com or via phone at 800-745-3000. Single tickets will not go on sale until July 19, 2013 and are priced from \$29.00 to \$89.00 for the September thru January concerts. The February concert tickets are \$29.00 - \$99.00. The box office, located at 2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30339, is open Monday thru Friday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., closed on Sundays. The venue is located at 2800 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30339.

### **About Larry Rosen**

**Larry Rosen**, musician, producer, executive producer, and music industry entrepreneur, has had an impact on virtually all areas of the music industry. He is the producer/executive producer of over 350 albums of which 80 have been nominated for GRAMMY Awards, winning 33 GRAMMYS. Mr. Rosen is the creator and producer of *JAZZ ROOTS: A Larry Rosen Jazz Series*, Chairman of Larry Rosen Productions, Inc., co-founder, along with GRAMMY and Academy Award winner Dave Grusin of GRP Records, and co-founder and past Chairman of N2K, Inc. (NASDAQ). Mr. Rosen is the creator and producer of the PBS Television series LEGENDS OF JAZZ, and he is the creator and producer of the multi-media TV series RECORDING: the History of Recorded Music, with hosts Quincy Jones and Phil Ramone. [www.jazzroots.net](http://www.jazzroots.net) [www.larryrosen.com](http://www.larryrosen.com)

### **About Kia Motors America**

Kia Motors America is the marketing and distribution arm of Kia Motors Corporation based in Seoul, South Korea. KMA offers a complete line of vehicles through more than 765 dealers throughout the United States and serves as the "Official Automotive Partner" of the NBA and LPGA. In 2012, KMA recorded its best-ever annual sales total and gained U.S. market share for the 18th consecutive year. Kia is poised to continue its momentum and will continue to build the brand through design innovation, quality, value, advanced safety features and new technologies

### **About Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre Foundation**

The Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, is charged with securing financial resources for the Foundation's community and educational outreach activities including its signature ArtsBridge education program. Additional information about the foundation and ways to contribute is available at [www.cobbenergycentre.com](http://www.cobbenergycentre.com)<<http://www.cobbenergycentre.com/>>.

### **About Cobb Energy Centre**

The Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, a 2750 seat, state-of-the-art facility, is located at 2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway in northwest Atlanta, inside the Perimeter. Cobb Energy Centre is metro Atlanta's premier venue for opera, concerts, Broadway shows, ballet, educational performances, family shows and corporate meetings and events. The Centre hosts four resident companies, the Atlanta Opera, the Atlanta Ballet, ArtsBridge and the Gas South Broadway Series. Additional information about the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre is available at [www.cobbenergycentre.com](http://www.cobbenergycentre.com)<<http://www.cobbenergycentre.com/>>.

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