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JAPANESE JAZZ EMERGING ARTIST SERIES

WASHINGTON, D.C., (March 2, 2016) – As part of National Cherry Blossom Festival activities, the Japan Information and Culture Center (JICC), Embassy of Japan, D.C. is proud to host five nights of emerging Japanese jazz talent during its Japanese Jazz Emerging Artist Series at Blues Alley. An American import, jazz first became popular in Japan in the 1920s and influenced a new frontier of Japanese jazz music. Highlighting Japanese modern culture in the motherland of jazz, the Japanese Jazz Emerging Artist Series features Japanese jazz performed by young Japanese and American artists. Tickets for these performances will go on sale at the end of February 2016.

WHO The JICC, along with the Japan Foundation NY and Blues Alley Jazz Society, have coordinated five nights of emerging Japanese jazz artists: Manami Morita Trio (Piano, Bass, Drum) | Nobuki Takamen Trio (Guitar, Bass, Drum) | Martha Kato Ensemble (Piano and accompaniment) | Miho Hazama Big Band | Chihiro Yamanaka Trio (Piano, Bass, Drum).

WHEN Tuesday, March 15, 2016, 8:00PM and 10:00PM – Manami Morita Trio
Wednesday, March 16, 2016, 8:00PM and 10:00PM – Nobuki Takamen Trio
Monday, April 18, 2016, 8:00PM and 10:00PM – Martha Kato Ensemble
Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 8:00PM and 10:00PM – Miho Hazama Big Band
Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 8:00PM and 10:00PM – Chihiro Yamanaka

WHERE Blues Alley, 1073 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington DC, 20007

WHAT The Japanese Jazz Emerging Art Series creates a new space for those interested in the unique styles integrated into Japanese jazz and to inspire that community in the motherland of jazz, the United States.

ABOUT THE JICC

The Japan Information and Culture Center (JICC) is a part of the Public Affairs Section of the Embassy of Japan in Washington D.C. The JICC's goal is to promote better understanding of Japan and Japanese culture by providing a wide range of information and events to the American public. For more information, please visit: <http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/jicc/>.

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