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The Betsy Hotel Announces ‘Overture to Overtown’ 2018 Festival Lineup

Iconic Ocean Drive Hotel Honors Historic Overtown with Annual Jazz Festival from February 25 – March 10 including 17 Jazz Events by 30 Performers

MIAMI BEACH, FLA.—February 12, 2018—The Betsy Hotel will welcome back their annual Jazz Festival, *Overture to Overtown*, for its sixth year, taking place from February 25 to March 10, 2018. The annual festival will include more than 17 Jazz events with performances by 30 notable musicians over its 14-night span. Performances will take place nightly, showcasing an eclectic variety of Jazz genres including traditional, Latin jazz, Roots music and more.

“The Betsy Hotel proudly presents musicians whose inspiration is drawn from the historic Overtown, a place frequented by Louis Armstrong, Langston Hughes, and Billie Holiday. In its heyday, it was known as ‘Harlem of the South,’” says Jonathan Plutzik, owner of The Betsy Hotel. “We celebrate this legacy annually with our Overture to Overtown festival, through our live music program five nights a week, and by including Langston Hughes’ work on our Poetry Rail,”

2018 performers will include South Florida’s best and brightest; Mike Gerber (Piano), Roxana Amed (Vocals), Chad Bernstein (Trombone), Lenard Rutlege (Vocals), Tom Lippincott (Guitar), Ryan Eillis (Piano) Fernando Ferrone (Trumpet/Saxophone), Envee (Vocals), Edil de Leon (Vibes), Barbara Evans (Vocals), Joel DeSilva (Guitar), Brasoul (Latin Duo), and Cindy Eillis (Vocals). Also performing are out of town artists Marc Irwin (Piano), William Flynn (Guitar) and Tom Fisher (Guitar).

Festival performances will take place from 6-10 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday, and 6-11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The Betsy Hotel will host two celebratory happy hours on Friday, March 9 and Saturday, March 10 from 4-7 p.m. in The Besty Hotel lobby.

Guests are invited to enjoy dinner at The Betsy’s LT Steak & Seafood during festival performances. The restaurant overlooking the hotel lobby will feature nightly specials by Executive Chef Danny Ganem. Guests opting for a more casual dining experience are welcome to visit The Alley, where Chef de Cuisine John Kreidich will offer fresh pizzas and homemade pastas, or the Ventanita where fresh crepes and gelato are available for purchase. The Alley Pizzeria and Ventanita are located in the breezeway adjacent to The Betsy, between Collins Avenue and Ocean Drive.

The Betsy Hotel is located at 1440 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33139. For more information visit www.thebetsyhotel.com or call 305-760-6900.

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The Betsy - South Beach is a boutique hotel celebrating arts and culture. Each room at the hotel has a small library and a poetry bookmark is placed on guest pillows every night. The Betsy's year-round cultural programming includes its jazz program, featuring at least five nights of live jazz every week, in addition to visual arts, classical music and literature programs. A notable program, The Betsy's Writers Room program, welcomes visiting authors—more than 500 since 2012—to stay in the hotel's designated Writers Room, furnished with poet Hyam Plutzik's own writing desk. 1440 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33139 | 305-760-6900 | thebetsyhotel.com | betsywritersroom.com

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