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Jazz Aspen Snowmass Announces Winter Jazz: JAS Downstairs at the Nell

Aspen, CO – January 14, 2010 – Jazz Aspen Snowmass is pleased to announce a three part winter jazz series taking place “Downstairs at the Nell,” the last Friday and Saturday of each month. JAS plans to transform the downstairs conference room at the Little Nell Hotel into an intimate jazz club, complete with the candlelight nightclub feel found in the coolest back door clubs of New York.

The series will kick-off Jan. 29-30 with San Francisco based vocalist Kim Nalley. Nalley will be performing her historiographical concert called “The Heart of Lady Day: Kim Nalley Sings Billie Holiday.” The show has received rave reviews with the San Francisco Chronicle writing, “her tuneful, buoyant, sexy and joyfully jazzy performance is one helluva tribute to Billie Holiday.”

A second weekend of shows will take place February 26-27 featuring Denver based pianist Jeff Jenkins “Sounds of Brazil.” Jenkins and his group will have audiences on their feet with their mix of fiery Brazilian, Samba and funk.

The series ends with the Cuban sounds of the Chuchito Valdes Trio on March 26-27. Valdes, the son of Cuban great Chucho Valdes and grandson of Bebo Valdes, continues their legacy of great piano players from Cuba. With influences of Caribbean rhythms and jazz, Chuchito creates an exciting and energetic blend of spicy music that drives audiences wild.

Each night will feature two shows, the first at 7:30pm and the next at 9:30pm. Tickets are \$30/per show and are available now at 970-920-4996. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Prior to each performance the Little Nell will be offering a special 3-course pre-show menu for \$32 at Ajax Tavern (920-6334 for reservations) and \$48 at Montagna (920-6330 for reservations). Light food will be available at the venue.

For more information please visit www.jazzaspen.org.