

Jazz Fusion Virtuoso Billy Cobham Announces Jazz Cafe Spectrum 40 Show



World-renowned jazz fusion drummer Billy Cobham announces a fourteen-city American and Canadian tour celebrating the 40th anniversary of his breakthrough album, *Spectrum*, which is widely regarded as one of the genre's most significant and influential works.

Jazz Caf  is proud to announce the return of Billy Cobham for one night and 2 performances, Saturday, October 5th at 8 and 10 PM.

The upcoming Fall *Spectrum 40* Tour will brilliantly showcase Cobham's explosive, complex style of play, which has thrilled music aficionados around the globe since the early '70s when he was a founding member of the Mahavishnu Orchestra. Today, after decades of boundless musical exploration, the versatile Cobham continues to evolve and innovate as a master drummer, percussionist, composer, producer, educator and clinician—as audiences around the country will soon experience through the unforgettable *Spectrum 40* shows.

In what promises to be a mesmerizing series of performances in unique music venues in various North American regions, Cobham brings together an all-star support group for this landmark tour, featuring Dean Brown (guitar); Gary Husband (piano) and Ric Fierabracci (bass).

Cobham notes, "The *Spectrum 40* Tour represents the culmination of my ever-expanding, deepening lifetime journey of creative expression. I am so delighted to return to my

roots in the States to share the stage with such stellar musicians on this historic tour, to give audiences a special Spectrum experience and above all, exuberantly celebrate the timeless, universal power of music.â€

Tickets: \$30 Advance \$40 Day of shows at Music Hall Box Office or at www.Ticketmaster.com

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Dionne Farris & The Russell Gunn Quartet At The Jazz Cafe April 26th-27th



(Detroit, MI) Jazz Cafe is proud to present the one-two punch of Grammy-nominated jazz trumpeter Russell Gunn and his Quartet featuring Grammy-winning vocalist Dionne Farris, as they combine for a very special two nights (2 sets each night), Friday and Saturday, April 25-26, 2013 in the Jazz CafÃ© with two shows each night – 8 and 10 PM.

The Russell Gunn Quartet, ensures an eclectic genre bending experience that fuses Ms Farris multi faceted vocal ability which melds, hip-hop, pop, soul, gospel, R&B and now with this innovative Quartet, she adds Jazz to her repertoire.

According to Creative Loafing Atlanta, “these Atlanta-based musical heavyweights are taking the stage (for two shows each night) â€” along with the members of Gunnâ€™s Quartet (Kevin Smith on bass, Louis Heriveaux on piano, Henry Conerway III on drums) â€” to serve up, says Gunn, â€œthe Dionne Farris songbook with arrangements by yours truly.â€

Dionne Farris sang on three songs with the hip hop group Arrested Development. In 1995, she had a solo hit single called “I Know,” which hit number four on the Billboard Hot 100 and was nominated for the Grammy Award for Best Female Pop Vocal Performance in 1996. Then in 1997, she had another hit, “Hopeless” (written by Van Hunt) from the Love Jones soundtrack.

Trumpeter, Russell Gunn’s virtuoso reach and command of all musical styles from funk to the avant-garde evidenced a serious new talent on the scene. Gunn’s eclectic musical approach also brought him together with artists like Cee-Lo , Maxwell, D’Angelo, Ne-Yo, Branford Marsalis, and Jazz at Lincoln Center, while continuing to perform with his own groups and push the boundaries of how music is heard. With a singular style that incorporates the influences of masters like Miles Davis, Lee Morgan, and the underrated Booker Little, Gunn has continued to gain recognition for his own music through touring and well-received albums, including the Grammy-nominated Ethnomusicology, Vol. 1 and Ethnomusicology Vol. 2.

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