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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### THE WORLD-FAMOUS THE BAKED POTATO JAZZ CLUB CELEBRATES 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY WITH A TWO-DAY JAZZ FESTIVAL AT THE ANSON FORD AMPHITHEATER MAY 22 AND 23, 2010

**This Historic Event Will Feature Legendary Jazz Greats Larry Carlton, Yellowjackets, Steve Lukather, Jazz Ministry, The Michael Landau Group, Don Randi & Quest, OHM & More...**

(Studio City, CA; April 22, 2010) – The world-famous The Baked Potato Jazz Club, a Los Angeles music institution, is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an epic, one-of-a-kind jazz festival featuring some of the world's greatest musicians on Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23, 2010 at the magical Anson Ford Amphitheater. The festival will showcase many of the bands and artists that got their start at The Baked Potato. The phenomenal line-up includes **Larry Carlton, Yellowjackets, Steve Lukather, Lee Ritenour, The Jazz Ministry, The Michael Landau Group, Don Randi, owner of The Baked Potato, and his band Quest, Patrice Rushen, Ernie Watts, John Daversa Big Band, The Baked Potato All Stars, O.H.M, Scott Henderson Trio, VOLTO!**, Fusion masters **Holdsworth/Pasqua/Haslip/Novak**, and **Mitch Forman & The B.P. All Stars**.

Doors open at 1pm and show is from 2pm to 11pm each day. Anson Ford Amphitheater is located at 2580 Cahuenga Blvd. East Hollywood, CA 90068. **One-Day Tickets** are \$116 for Standard Seating, \$146 for Premium Seating and \$116 for Disabled Seating. **Two-Day Tickets** are \$212 for Standard Seating, \$262 for Premium Seating and \$212 for Disabled Seating. Tickets are on sale now at [www.thebakedpotato.com](http://www.thebakedpotato.com).

"We are so amazed and humbled by this extraordinary gathering of musicians that have come to help us celebrate 40 years of Los Angeles jazz," say Justin Randi, Owner and General Manager of The Baked Potato. "My father Don Randi started The Baked Potato Jazz Club in 1970 to provide a place where he and his fellow studio musicians could come and play their own music. That legend remains as musicians playing at The Potato can try anything, develop anything, and play for as long and as loud as they want. The Baked Potato has come to be a musical home for many important names in the music business we all know today. It's no surprise that during our jazz festival, there will be six GRAMMY award winners performing all with roots from The Baked Potato," Randi concludes.

"This Baked Potato Jazz Fest is very appropriate, celebrating 40 years of great vibes and great music," says multi-GRAMMY winner Larry Carlton, a headliner on the festival. "I have wonderful memories of my gigs at The Potato, starting in the mid 70's and into the 80's. That little room has an atmosphere that let's the music fly from player to player and out to the listeners. I'm proud to be part of the celebration."

Don Randi, composer/musician and original member of the famous "Wrecking Crew", opened the historical music landmark, The Baked Potato Jazz Club in 1970. His goal was to provide a place where his fellow musicians and he could play the music they loved after a long day working in recording sessions. It was to be their place to unwind and hang out, along with the music lovers who enjoy world-class live music every night. In 1990, Don's son, Justin Randi, took the reigns of The Baked Potato, following its' rich tradition of the best of the best every night. The Baked Potato was then and still is a venue where new musical ideas, dreams, creativity and individuality is encouraged and allowed to blossom.

With music ranging from jazz to rock, to contemporary fusion, The Baked Potato has a reputation of being a hidden spot for big-name artists to jam when they are in town. Attracting local musicians, music lovers and tourists alike to see world-class musicians in a very intimate setting, this is the place to see the best music that LA has to offer. Past performers include GRAMMY®-award winning musicians Larry Carlton, Yellowjackets, Al Jarreau, Michael Landau and Steve Lukather as well as jazz legends Virgil Donati, Dennis Chambers, Simon Philips, Terry Bozzio, Dave Weckl, Bunny Brunel, Derek Sherinian, Mike Keneally and Allan Holdsworth.

The Baked Potato is also appropriately known for serving massive baked potatoes stuffed with your choice of delicious toppings like Marinated Steak, Chicken Teriyaki, Sautéed Spinach and Mushrooms and serves until 1am. The Baked Potato is open nightly from 7pm-2am. Full bar. 2-drink minimum. Show tickets and dinner reservations available by calling 818-980-1615 or at [www.thebakedpotato.com](http://www.thebakedpotato.com).

For more information about this event, ticket sales and the current show schedule at The Baked Potato, go to [www.thebakedpotato.com](http://www.thebakedpotato.com).

**For media requests, to set up an interview with the artists or the owner of The Baked Potato, please contact Kim Koury at Spin Public Relations at [kim@spinprgroup.com](mailto:kim@spinprgroup.com) or 323-330-9559.**

**THE BAKED POTATO JAZZ FESTIVAL**  
**OFFICIAL LINE UP**

**Saturday May 22, 2010**  
**Festival Begins at 2:00 P.M. until 11:00 P.M.**  
**Doors Open at 1:00 P.M.**

**THE BAKED POTATO ALL STARS**  
Jeff Richman, Neil Stubenhaus, Tom Brechtlein, Jeff Babko

**O.H.M.**  
Chris Poland, Robbie Pagliari, Kofi Baker

**SCOTT HENDERSON TRIO**

John Humphrey, Alan Hertz

**VOLTO!**

Danny Carey, Kirk Covington, John Ziegler, Lance Morrison

\*\*\*\*\*Intermission\*\*\*\*\*

**STEVE LUKATHER**

Vinnie Colaiuta, Tal Wilkenfeld, Steve Weingart

**THE MICHAEL LANDAU GROUP**

Chris Chaney, Gary Novak

**HOLDSWORTH, PASQUA, HASLIP, NOVAK**

Allan Holdsworth, Alan Pasqua, Jimmy Haslip Gary Novak

**Sunday May 23, 2010**

**Festival Begins at 2:00 P.M. until 11:00 P.M.**

**Doors Open at 1:00 P.M.**

**JOHN DAVERSA BIG BAND**

Jeff Driskill, Phil O'Connor, Tom Peterson, John Yoakum, Bob Carr, Ron King, Bijon Watson, Glenda Smith Rob Schaer, Bill Booth, Charlie Morillas, Paul Young, George Thatcher, Zane Carney, Jerry Watts, Gene Coye

**MITCH FORMAN & THE B.P. ALL STARS**

Mike Miller, Luis Conte, Joel Taylor, Trey Henry, Walt Fowler, Brandon Fields, Munyungo Jackson

**THE BAKED POTATO'S ORIGINAL JAZZ MASTER**

Don Randi and Quest

**TOM BRECHTLEIN, CHRIS ROY, JOHN DE PATTIE**

**GARY GARDNER, CHUCK CAMPER**

**LEE RITENOUR**

**PATRICE RUSHEN, ERNIE WATTS**

\*\*\*\*\*Intermission\*\*\*\*\*

**YELLOWJACKETS**

Jimmy Haslip, Russell Ferrante, Bob Mintzer, Will Kennedy

**THE JAZZ MINISTRY**

Abraham Laborial, Sr., Michael Landau, Greg Mathieson, Vinnie Colaiuta

**LARRY CARLTON**

Travis Carlton, Gene Coye

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