

## Top talent on show at 'Jazz Day' celebration



**Unesco Doha and Jazz at Lincoln Centre Doha brought together some of the best international and local talent for the celebration.**

Jazz at Lincoln Centre Doha at The St Regis Doha recently delighted hundreds of guests when it celebrated Unesco International Jazz Day 2014.

Every year on April 30, people of all nations have the opportunity to recognise the power of jazz to promote peace, dialogue among cultures, diversity and respect for human rights and human dignity. Unesco International Jazz Day 2014 was celebrated in 196 nations across the world.

Unesco Doha and Jazz at Lincoln Centre Doha joined forces to bring together some of the best international and local talent to create an “extraordinary evening of world-class music”.

Dominick Farinacci, global ambassador for Jazz at Lincoln Centre, curated a diverse group of musicians from New York and across the region.

The evening was hosted by Emmy award-winning artist Gregory Generet, who performed with members of the Jazz at Lincoln All Stars and members of the Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra.

The evening was full of highlights and special guest performances that thrilled the audience, including a special performance by guest star, Carel Kraayenhof from the Netherlands. International Jazz Day brings together communities, schools, artists, historians, academics and music fans all over the world to celebrate and learn about jazz and its roots, future and impact.

By playing, listening and learning about jazz and its history as a global art form, participants reaffirm the value of international co-operation and cross-cultural communication.

“Certain music, jazz in particular, has the ability to make you a better citizen of the world. It helps you expand your world view and gives you more confidence in your cultural achievements. Improvisational jazz teaches you about yourself while the swing in jazz teaches you how to work with others,” said Wynton Marsalis, artistic director of Jazz at Lincoln Centre in New York.

Farinacci and the Jazz at Lincoln All Stars will perform at Jazz at Lincoln Centre Doha until mid-June.

Jazz at Lincoln Centre Doha is also hosting a variety of educational programmes, with monthly “Family Afternoons” presented by visiting artists and free monthly concerts held at the MIA Park.