President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama will host International Jazz Day 2016 at the White House. The concert will be televised as an hour-long primetime special on ABC on April 30. The event features performances from Herbie Hancock, Aretha Franklin, Esperanza Spalding, Buddy Guy, Sting, Chick Corea, Wayne Shorter, Robert Glasper, Hugh Masekela, Al Jarreau, Pat Metheny, John McLaughlin, and many others. Find more info here.

Presented in partnership with the Thelonious Monk Institute, International Jazz Day was created to highlight "the power of jazz as a force for freedom and creativity, promotes intercultural dialogue through respect and understanding, and unites people from all corners of the globe." In addition to the White House performances, musicians and educators will participate in a day-long series of master classes, improvisational workshops, roundtable discussions, education programs, jam sessions, and community outreach initiatives across Washington, D.C.
Read "Insubordinate By Nature," our interview with Spalding.