

# International Jazz Day Global Celebration to take place in Arlington

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Tony Martin, music director at Trinity Baptist Church in Arlington, announced that the International Jazz Day Global Celebration will be hosted locally, marking the first time the celebration is hosted by Trinity Baptist Church.

The event will take place April 27, with a forum at 2:30 p.m. followed by a concert at 3 p.m. The church is located at 115 Massachusetts Ave.

“This decision is a recognition of our strong commitment to cultural diplomacy through a high degree of creativity and an outstanding diversity in its programming, supported by the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz and other local network of partnerships,” said the organizer. “We are also dedicating this concert to organizations that are working hard to bring awareness to Human Trafficking, such as ‘All Hands In,’ which is connected to The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts.”

Since 2011, International Jazz Day is celebrated annually on April 30 across the globe. The day pays tribute to the art form of jazz, its capacity to bring people together, and its power to promote dialogue, freedom of expression, as well as respect for human rights and diversity. The 2019 International Jazz Day Concert will unite musicians and students from Berklee College of Music and UMass Boston and will be organized alongside professors from Harvard, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Berklee Colleges for a discussion on the what can be done to help stem the ongoing tragedy of human trafficking both locally and globally. Armir Lee, presidential scholar and jazz saxophonist, is the featured artist. Other performers include percussionist Shane Dahler, music producer and bassist Solomon Smith, violinist Handel Ulysse, and gospel and jazz pianist Tony Martin.

The International Jazz Day celebration engages artists, educators and audiences worldwide. It is led by UNESCO and the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz, together with its chairman, jazz pianist and composer Herbie Hancock, who serves as a UNESCO goodwill ambassador for intercultural dialogue.