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## Humanitarian Concert in celebration of the International Jazz Day

The UNESCO Regional and Multisectoral Office in Yaoundé, in collaboration with the National Commission for UNESCO of Angola and the American Schools of Angola, will organize a Jazz concert at the Clube Naval de Luanda at 20:00 on Tuesday, April 30th, in celebration of the International Jazz Day, an event of UNESCO and Member States, organized worldwide, whose central international act of this year takes place in Melbourne, Australia.

During the philanthropic concert, American jazz celebrities such as Grammy Awardwinning violinist Lili Haydn and guitarist Mitchel Long, as well as renowned Angolan musician Waldemar Bastos, will shine.

The funds raised will be allocated to victims of Cyclone Idai in Mozambique, as well as projects related to Education and Health in Angola.

Created by the UNESCO General Conference and recognized by the General Assembly of the United Nations, the International Jazz Day is celebrated every year on 30 April, highlighting the role of Jazz in encouraging dialogue, fighting discrimination and promoting human dignity.

Since its first edition in 2012, International Jazz Day has continued to grow and celebrations are now taking place in all continents. The Herbie Hancock Jazz Institute (formerly known as Thelonius Monk Jazz Institute) is UNESCO's official partner in organizing and promoting the International Jazz Day.

The concert will close with the hope of holding other editions in the coming years, to mobilize funds for social and humanitarian actions, to perpetuate intercultural dialogue, the fight against all forms of discriminations for the promotion of a culture of peace, a theme on which Luanda organizes the first edition of the Peace Culture Biennial next September, co-organized by UNESCO, the African Union and the Government of Angola.

The Jazz concert will be attended by the Director of the Regional and Multisectoral Office for Central Africa based in Yaoundé, Cameroon and UNESCO Representative in Central Africa; the Head of the UNESCO Libreville Office, Representative in Gabon and International Coordinator of the Culture of Peace Project; and by the Presidents of the National Commissions for UNESCO of Angola and Mozambique.

Representatives of the diplomatic corps accredited in Angola, Representatives of public and private institutions, Civil Society and foundations. Will also be present, Representatives of national and multinational companies and Representatives of UN and International Organizations.

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