Three Valley mayors join to support upcoming Jazz Day Celebration

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Richard Elliot and Rick Braun, each seasoned showmen with their own individual signature sounds, have teamed up as RnR.

City of Scottsdale Mayor David Ortega, Town of Paradise Valley Mayor Jerry Bien-Willner, Tempe Mayor Corey Woods have all committed to promote the International Jazz Day Arizona concert scheduled for April 30.

The mayors of cities adjoining Scottsdale have agreed to aid in making this a major tourist attraction for the area, according to a press release, detailing the
Jazz celebration taking place at the Scottsdale Civic Center’s northeast lawn of City Hall, at 3939 N Drinkwater Blvd., Scottsdale.

The program to date includes: Richard Elliot, Rick Braun, Nayo Jones, the Jaleo Afro Cuban Ensemble, along with The Molina’s 32nd Jazz Band, an all-star youth jazz orchestra, and world-renowned trumpeter Jesse McGuire.

America’s “unique form of music, Jazz, will be celebrated all over the US and in many parts of the world,” on April 30. UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador Herbie Hancock has invited William “Doc” Jones to bring this year’s celebration to Scottsdale. Herbie Hancock is committed to taking Jazz worldwide through encouraging International Jazz Day events on that day, the release said, describing how he became known as a Goodwill Ambassador.