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**Capitol Hill Jazz Foundation and BMI Join Forces to Sponsor
34th Annual Congressional Black Caucus Jazz Concert**

Washington, D.C.-Based Carolyn Malachi, Akua Allrich & The Tribe to Perform as Featured Artists

**Concert to occur in tandem with the Jazz Issue Forum of the Congressional Black Caucus
Foundation's 49th Annual Legislative Conference**

Washington, D.C. – September 6, 2019 – The Capitol Hill Jazz Foundation (CHJF) will team up with performing rights organization Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI) to sponsor the 34th Annual Congressional Black Caucus Jazz Concert on Thursday, September 12 at the Eaton DC Hotel in downtown Washington.

This year marks the first in which the concert is an independent event from the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's (CBCF) Annual Legislative Conference, which sponsored the event from 1986 to 2018. However, the concert will occur alongside and in association with this year's (49th) CBCF Conference.

"We are deeply honored to be able to step in and take the reins of the CBC jazz concert, which is one of the most prestigious musical traditions in the District of Columbia," said CHJF executive director Aaron Myers. "The change in sponsorship will in no way alter the tradition of presenting jazz of the highest caliber to attendees of the Annual Legislative Conference and any other music lover in the greater D.C. area."

The concert will feature two superlative musical acts based in Washington, D.C. **Carolyn Malachi**, a Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter who embraces both jazz and R&B, is scheduled to perform. Acclaimed jazz vocalist **Akua Allrich** and her band **The Tribe** will also appear.

Historically, the concert has been the capstone to a Jazz Issues Forum that was presented each year as part of the CBCF conference. This year, while the concert will be an associated but separately produced event, the Issues Forum will once again be an official conference event. It will take place on September 12 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

Tickets to the concert can be purchased at the CHJF website, www.capitolhilljazzfoundation.org.

For more information about the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Forum, please visit <https://www.cbcfinc.org/annual-legislative-conference/>.

About CHJF The Capitol Hill Jazz Foundation (CHJF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to promote economic growth in the Washington, D.C. jazz community and to advocate on its behalf. The CHJF's initiatives include a weekly jazz jam session in the Capitol Hill neighborhood; Hillfest, an annual jazz festival also located in Capitol Hill; and the Jazz Lobby, which engages with government officials and agencies on both the local and national level to advocate on behalf of the D.C. jazz community.

About BMI Celebrating over 78 years of service to songwriters, composers, music publishers and businesses, Broadcast Music, Inc.® (BMI®) is a global leader in music rights management, serving as an advocate for the value of music. BMI represents the public performance rights in 14 million musical works created and owned by more than 900,000 songwriters, composers, and music publishers. The musical compositions in BMI's repertoire, from chart toppers to perennial favorites, span all genres of music and are consistently among the most-performed hits of the year.
