



The Betsy Announces Overture to Overtown Annual Jazz Festival 2016

South Florida's Best Performers are joined by International Talent for 13 Unforgettable Performances - all free and open to the community.

March 1, 2016 (Miami Beach, FL) The Betsy's *Overture to Overtown Annual Jazz Festival* will take place from March 7 to 20, 2016. Performers include South Florida's best and brightest talent including Mike Gerber, Edil de León, Trad305, LeNard Rutledge, Markus Gottschlich, Tom Lippincott, Joel DaSilva, Vinyl Blvd, Dr. Ed Calle, and international performer Nadav Remez, presented in partnership with the Israeli Consulate of Miami and Puerto Rico.

"We're proud to feature musicians whose inspiration is drawn from the cultural contributions of historic Overtown, a place frequented by Louis Armstrong, Langston Hughes, and Billie Holiday, and that in its heyday was called the 'Harlem of the South'," said Jonathan Plutzik, Chairman of The Betsy Hotel.

All performances are free and open to the public in The Betsy's Lobby Bar, located at 1440 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach. Several extra special events round out the festival including performances by the South Beach Chamber Ensemble (March 7 at 9:15 PM), the Wynwood Trio presented by The Miami Music Festival (March 8 at 7 PM), and a Busman's holiday jam session (March 14 at 8 PM) presented by The Betsy's PACE program, with performers to be announced.

South Beach Chamber Ensemble	Classics/Jazz Trio	Monday, March 7, 2016	9:15 PM- 2 sets
Wynwood Trio	Classics/Jazz Trio	Monday, March 8, 2016	7 – 8 PM
Mike Gerber	Solo Piano	Tuesday, March 8, 2016	8 to 11 PM
Edil de Leon	Vibes Trio	Wednesday, March 9, 2016	8 to 11 PM
TRAD305	Period Jazz Trio	Thursday, March 10, 2016	8 to 11 PM
Lenard Rutledge	Vocal Duo	Friday, March 11, 2016	8 to 11 PM
Markus Gottschlich - BRUNCH	Solo Piano	Saturday, March 12 - BRUNCH	1 to 4 PM
Tom Lippincott	Guitar	Tuesday, March 15, 2016	8 to 11 PM
Joel DaSilva	Blues Guitar	Wednesday, March 16, 2016	8 to 11 PM
Yamit / Vinyl Blvd	Trio	Thursday, March 17, 2016	8 to 11 PM
Ed Calle	Trio	Friday, March 18, 2016	8 to 11 PM
Mike Gerber - BRUNCH	Solo Piano	Saturday, March 19 - BRUNCH	1 to 4 PM
Nadav Remez - BRUNCH	Guitar Trio	Sunday, March 20- BRUNCH	1 to 4 PM

The Betsy South Beach (Thebetsyhotel.com) is a boutique hotel that embraces the power of community through wide-ranging programs in Philanthropy, Arts, Culture, and Education. Each room at the hotel has a small library of poetry and other books and a poetry bookmark is placed on guest pillows every night. Over the past seven years, the hotel has become a catalyst for energized discourse, innovative thinking, and expansive charitable programming. The Betsy's Writers Room **Thebetsywritersroom.com** welcomes year-round artists, numbering more than 300 since 2012. The Betsy is located at 1440 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach. Telephone: 305-760-6902.

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