



THE BETSY HOTEL ANNOUNCES SPRING/SUMMER 2016 MUSIC PROGRAMS
LOCALS AND TOURISTS ARE INVITED TO ENJOY JAZZ, OPERA, AND CHAMBER MUSIC – ON THE BEACH

FIFTEEN OPERATIC AND CHAMBER MUSIC EVENTS
PRESENTED WITH THE MIAMI MUSIC FESTIVAL AND BARRY UNIVERSITY:
JUNE 14 TO JULY 28, 2016, TUES AND THURSDAYS, 7 PM, FREE, RSVP REQUIRED

FIFTY EVENINGS OF JAZZ, PRESENTING THE REGION'S BEST & BRIGHTEST
APRIL 1 TO AUGUST 31, 2016, WED AND THURSDAYS, 8 TO 11 PM, FREE, NO RSVP REQUIRED

Miami Beach, Florida – April 1, 2016 -- The Betsy Hotel, Miami's Ocean Drive arts hotel, announces wide ranging music programs for spring and summer 2016. All events are free and open to the public.

Operatic and Classical at The Betsy – with Miami Music Festival - this spring/summer 2016

As host hotel for the Miami Music Festival (MMF), fifteen evenings of opera and chamber music programming will be presented in partnership with Conductor Michael Rossi's iconic summer festival and its South Florida collegiate partner Barry University, between June 14 and July 28, 2016. Now in its third year, The Miami Summer Music Festival is growing with 'ready for prime time collegiate musicians' participating from around the world. Festival faculty will be hosted in Betsy's renowned Writers Room (betsywritersroom.com), a creative working space that has welcomed more than 300 writers and artists since its inception in 2012. The room's original walnut desk belonged to American Poet Hyam Plutzik, a three-time Pulitzer Prize finalist in poetry, and father of Betsy owner, Jonathan Plutzik. *"The caliber of young talent gathering for the Miami Music Festival is incredible and we are privileged to present the program's finest talent in this unforgettable series for the second year. We are also pleased to host the Festival's distinguished musicians and thought leaders in The Betsy Writers Room as they help to shape tomorrow's creative voices"*, noted Betsy Chairman, Jonathan Plutzik.

JAZZ at the Betsy – with the area's best and brightest musical talent - this spring/summer 2016

As part of The Betsy's ongoing commitment to providing a home for Jazz in Miami Beach, the hotel will host 50 evenings of jazz in the Lobby Bar, from 8 to 11 PM, on Wednesdays and Thursdays between April 1 to August 31. Indeed, The Betsy Hotel has emerged as one of the best places to play and hear jazz in Miami and the Beaches, with a series called Live (Mostly) Jazz! that takes place twice weekly (Wednesday and Thursday) from 8 to 11 PM, with no cover, no minimum. Betsy regulars include the virtuosic piano of Michael Gerber, Lenard Rutledge's mellifluous voice, the heartfelt authentic blues of Joel DeSliva, the unforgettable guitar licks of Tom Lippencott, 2015 Latin Grammy Winner and five-time Grammy nominee Ed Calle, the inspired B-3 organ-stylings of Ken Burkhart, the plaintive vocals of Yamit Lemoine, and the historic traditional jazz of Trad305, among many others. *"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'. We celebrate this legacy annually through our Jazz Festival (Overture to Overtown) and through our live music program each and every week, in our Lobby Salon"* 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.

About The Betsy

As greater Miami's only Four Star, Four Diamond boutique hotel, The Betsy – South Beach is a distinguished landmark property on the northern end of colorful Ocean Drive. Believing that public spaces can be more than waiting areas, the transformed boutique hotel has been uniquely recognized by global patrons and media for programs that champion the power of community by cultivating the sights and sounds of art, music and literature. The Betsy is located at 1440 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, Florida 33139. For information on these and more events, visit www.thebetsyhotel.com.

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