

# Press Release

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## **With 'Le Chat Noir to Birdland,' Upcoming Music Salon at The Hay-Adams Celebrates American Jazz Clubs and Bohemian Parisian Glamour**

Tickets on sale now for October Celebrating the Arts event featuring PostClassical Ensemble

**WASHINGTON, DC – September 7, 2023** – The Hay-Adams' 2023 Celebrating the Arts season continues with an immersive Music Salon celebrating the meteoric rise in popularity of the American jazz club and the influence of the bohemian glamour of French salons and cabarets on this movement.

On Monday, October 2, attendees are invited to 'Le Chat Noir to Birdland,' a collection of works inspired by the jazz clubs of New York City and the salons and cabarets of Paris.

In bohemian Paris, composers like Claude Debussy and Eric Satie were seduced by the crowds of artists and creatives gathering at cabarets like Le Chat Noir. Soon afterwards, American jazz clubs became the legendary focal points for American musical creativity.

Guests who purchase tickets to "Le Chat Noir to Birdland" will experience these parallels and trace the evolution of live music as intimate evening entertainment, with specially selected PostClassical Ensemble musicians as their guide. The immersive event is inspired by the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the jazz ballad album *John Coltrane and Johnny Hartman* and other jazz standards, French ballads made famous by Edith Piaf, works by fin-de-siècle Parisian composers, and more.

Performing these works will be Melissa Wimbish, soprano; David Jones, clarinet and saxophone; Elizabeth Hill, piano; and Aaron Clay, double bass – with commentary and hosting by renowned conductor and PostClassical Ensemble Music Director Ángel Gil-Ordóñez.

Celebrating the Arts at The Hay-Adams builds upon the literary salons hosted in the late 1800s by the hotel's forebearers – John Hay and Henry Adams. The program encompasses the hotel's longtime, popular Author Series events, featuring some of the most compelling authors of our time, as well as Music Salons. Music Salons, take place in the hotel's Hay-Adams Room, which features a warm ambiance amid inviting woodwork – including original paneling from the Hay and Adams homes – and period ceiling details.

PostClassical Ensemble is known for uniting some of the East Coast's most distinguished musicians to capture composers' extraordinary vision while creating a welcoming, inclusive and joyful experience that nourishes the soul, touches the spirit and inspires the mind. Under the visionary guidance of Madrid-born Gil-Ordóñez, known for blending his deep passion and experience with the refined talent and skill of elite musicians, hand-selected ensembles of musicians will create music performances at The Hay-Adams that transport and connect people.

Tickets for the October 2 Music Salon are priced at \$60 per person; doors open at 5:30 pm and the performance begins at 6:00 pm. Tickets are on sale now at: <https://www.hayadams.com/celebrating-the-arts/music-salons>. To complement the performance, the evening includes hors d'oeuvres and wines themed to the event.

The pre-theatre, or happy hour, timing, is intended to give attendees a stunning cultural respite from the activities of their day, allowing time to enjoy dinner afterwards. The Lafayette, The Hay-Adams' fine-dining restaurant, is open following the performance, should attendees wish to make a dinner reservation there. Off the Record, the bar at The Hay-Adams, also serves light gourmet fare and cocktails late into the evening.

More details can be found [here](#).

### About The Hay-Adams

Steeped in rich history and surrounded by the nation's most iconic institutions, The Hay-Adams is the downtown Washington hotel for discerning guests. Enveloped by views of the White House, St. John's Church, and the scenic Lafayette Park, the 5-star accommodations at The Hay-Adams are the embodiment of refined residence.

Marked by Washington, DC's most accommodating amenities and dedicated services, The Hay-Adams is the boutique hotel of choice for the modern luxury traveler and is consistently recognized as one of the world's best hotels by *Condé Nast Traveler*, *Travel + Leisure*, *Fodor's Travel* and *U.S. News & World Report*.

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