

## **Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival Announces 2015 Festival Theme: “The Spirit of Harmony”**

**MOSCOW, Idaho – Sept. 22, 2014** – The University of Idaho [Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival](#) will celebrate its 48th year of bringing nationally-acclaimed artists and jazz professionals to Moscow, Idaho, Feb. 25-28, 2015. This year’s festival theme, “The Spirit of Harmony,” sets the stage for a dynamic lineup of artist concerts, jazz clinics and workshops, and more.

“With Lionel Hampton’s spirit all around us, our festival continues to have the best musicians and educators in the world,” said John Clayton, festival artistic director. “They are here for you and love sharing their talent and experience with you.”

The Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival is a not-to-miss educational event featuring student performances, hands-on clinics and professional workshops. Students gain access to the skills of world-class performers and have the opportunity to attend the nightly concerts of celebrated artists. From the soulful styling of four-time Grammy Award recipient and songstress Dianne Reeves to the talents of vibraphonist Stefon Harris, students and audience members alike are invited to partake in a remarkable jazz experience.

In continuing efforts to reach out to the local community, visiting artists will continue to participate in the [Jazz in the Schools](#) program, an annual outreach program reaching an estimated 7,000 students from northern Idaho to the Snake River, and east into Washington. Distinguished artists take to the road and present the many diverse forms of jazz music to local schools.

“As the largest civic celebration in the Palouse region, we witness the interconnections of volunteers, musicians, students and community members that make up the festival fans,” said Steve Remington, the festival’s executive director. “It truly is in the ‘spirit of harmony’ that the festival exists.”

Tickets for the 2015 Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival will be available Dec. 1.

Visit [www.uidaho.edu/jazzfest](http://www.uidaho.edu/jazzfest) or call 208-885-5900 for the most up-to-date festival information.

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