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## NEWS

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### Jazz guitarist Mimi Fox headlines

#### Wilton Library's Hot & Cool series March 5

Wilton, CT – Wilton Library's Brubeck Room once again soars with the sound of cool jazz when Mimi Fox takes the stage on Saturday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. for a *Hot & Cool: Jazz at the Brubeck Room* concert. The internationally renowned guitarist/composer/recording artist has been named a winner in six consecutive *Downbeat Magazine* international critics' polls and has been recognized by writers and colleagues alike as one of the most eloquent jazz guitarists of today. *Guitar Player Magazine* hailed Mimi as "a prodigious talent who has not only mastered the traditional forms but has managed to reinvigorate them." She will be accompanied by Connecticut bassist Mike Asetta, who is returning to the Brubeck Room having been part of the Rex Cadwallader Trio two years ago.

Born in New York City, Fox started playing drums at nine and guitar when she was ten. She was inspired by the wide variety of music enjoyed by her family - show tunes, classical, Dixieland, Motown - and her own youthful inclination towards pop, folk, and R&B. Having purchased her first jazz album at fourteen, she has acknowledged that John Coltrane's classic, "Giant Steps," musically changed her direction. Her formative years were spent in Westport, CT where she attended Staples High. She began touring right out of high school and eventually settled in the San Francisco Bay area.

"I am so excited to be coming back to the area," said Fox. "It is such a nostalgia trip for me seeing the places and neighborhoods of my childhood. I'm very much looking forward to this performance." Mimi is touring in support of her new Favored Nations DVD recording entitled, "Live at the Palladium." The DVD will be available for purchase and signing at the performance.

As an artist, Mimi has recorded eight highly acclaimed albums including "Perpetually Hip" and "She's the Woman" on Favored Nations label. As a composer, Mimi has written and

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performed original scores for orchestras, documentary films and dance projects while receiving grants from prestigious funders such as “Meet the Composer” and the California Arts Council. As a devoted educator and clinician, Mimi has taught master classes worldwide while serving as head of the guitar program at the Jazz School in Berkeley and Adjunct Professor at New York University.

She has traveled globally bringing her sound to other countries and venues including major festivals from New York to Tokyo, tours of the Caribbean, Japan, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand and Europe. International festivals include the Montreal, Guinness Cork, Perth International, and Monterey Jazz Festivals. In the US, she has headlined at elite venues such as The Blue Note, Merkin Concert Hall, and the Village Gate in New York City, The Regattabar and Scullers in Boston, The Kennedy Center and Blues Alley in Washington D.C., the Triple Door and Jazz Alley in Seattle, and Yoshi's and the Great American Music Hall in San Francisco.

The *Hot & Cool: Jazz at the Brubeck Room* concerts are funded by the William and Karen Tell Foundation with special thanks to Ed and Catherine Romer and Chris and Tish Brubeck. A reception immediately follows the concert. The concert is free with a suggested donation of \$10 per person, payable at the door. Attendees should note that advance registrations are strongly recommended due to the popularity of this series. Pre-registrants must arrive by 7:20 p.m. to be guaranteed seating. Wait-listed and walk-ins will be seated after 7:20, if seating is available. The next Hot & Cool concert is set for Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. with the jazz trumpeter Marvin Stamm.

Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center. For directions, information and registration, visit [www.wiltonlibrary.org](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org) or call 203-762-3950, ext. 213.

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**Caption:** Jazz guitarist/composer Mimi Fox performs at Wilton Library’s Hot & Cool: Jazz at the Brubeck Room on Saturday, March 5, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are strongly recommended. Wilton Library, 137 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton, [www.wiltonlibrary.org](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org), 203-762-3950, ext. 213.

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