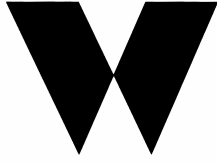


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Jazz pianist Taylor Eigsti returns to Wilton Library June 8

Wilton, CT – Jazz aficionados and even jazz neophytes will thrill to the sound of pianist Taylor Eigsti when he returns to Wilton Library for *Hot & Cool: Jazz at the Brubeck Room* on Sunday, June 8 at 5 p.m. The concert will be followed by a reception. Eigsti fascinated a packed Brubeck Room crowd in March of last year, as the first performer in the then newly-announced jazz series at the library. He returns this year to a sea of admirers who are excited for his upcoming performance.

Eigsti began playing the piano at the age of four, with his first professional performance four years later as the opening act for jazz pianist David Benoit. The twenty-three year old has since made his name playing with well-known and respected artists such as Dave Brubeck, James Moody, Ernestine Anderson, Rufus Reid, Alan Broadbent and Red Holloway. Eigsti comes to the library having just produced a new CD, *Let it Come to You*, from Concord Records. Eigsti's progressive jazz style is infused with funk, hip-hop and "free feels" along with classical elements. As he writes in his liner notes of his new CD, his compositions "provide a glimpse of the new type of music that I am currently gravitating toward and convey the emotional concepts behind their inspiration." He received two Grammy Award nominations for his previous CD, *Lucky To Be Me*. Along with the Grammy nominations, Eigsti was featured on the cover of both JAZZIZ and Keyboard Magazine, made the Downbeat Critic's Poll for two years in a row, and headlined his own BET Television special.

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Wilton Library's *Hot & Cool: Jazz at the Brubeck Room* series is funded by the William and Karen Tell Foundation with special thanks to Ed and Catherine Romer. Advance registration is strongly recommended and pre-registrants must arrive by 4:50 p.m. to be guaranteed seating. Wait-listed and walk-in registrants will be admitted after 4:50 p.m., if space is available. The suggested donation is \$10 per person. To register for the event, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950. Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center.

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Caption: Jazz pianist Taylor Eigsti performs at Wilton Library's Hot & Cool: Jazz at the Brubeck Room on Sunday, June 8 at 5 p.m. A reception follows the performance. For information, reservations and directions: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950.