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## NEWS

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### Wilton Library's Hot & Cool Jazz features Grace Kelly Quintet Oct. 23

Wilton, CT – The Brubeck Room comes alive with the sound of the Grace Kelly Quintet on Sunday, Oct. 23, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Wilton Library. This teen-aged saxophonist who headlines the quintet is a musical phenomenon according to renowned musician Wynton Marsalis. "Grace Kelly plays with intelligence, wit and feeling. She has a great amount of natural ability and the ability to adapt that is the hallmark of a first-class jazz musician," Marsalis notes. Ms. Kelly's quintet is comprised of Jason Palmer, on trumpet, Evan Gregor on bass, and Takeshi Obayashi on piano. A drummer is still to be announced.

In addition to her talents as a musician, Ms. Kelly, is a vocalist, composer, lyricist, and arranger. She is no stranger to performing, having played in more than 500 concerts worldwide since the age of 12, including the Montreal Jazz Festival, Newport Jazz Festival, Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, the Apollo Theater, Birdland, Boston's Symphony Hall, Juan Les Pins Jazz Festival, Dizzy's Club Cocoa Cola, Tanglewood Jazz Festival, Detroit Jazz Festival, Ronnie Scott's (London), Porgy & Bess (Vienna), Scullers Jazz Club, Regatta Bar, B.B. King's Blues Club (New York City), Jazz Bakery (LA), Dakota Jazz Club, and in venues as far away as Europe and Asia. She has also released seven full-length albums and will graduate Berklee College of Music in Boston this coming December 2011.

In her few short impressive years, she has already performed or recorded with the likes of Dave Brubeck, Wynton Marsalis, Phil Woods, Harry Connick Jr., Jamie Cullum, Frank Morgan, Esperanza Spalding, Toots Thielemans, Hank Jones, Jerry Bergonzi, Adam Rogers, Chris Potter, Rufus Reid, Kenny Barron, Dianne Reeves, Billy Hart, Ann Hampton Callaway, Cedar Walton, James Cotton and Terri Lynn Carrington among others. Perhaps her most intensive connection has been with Lee Konitz, who Kelly has studied with since age 13 and has collaborated on the CD, *GRACEfulLEE*.

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The Hot & Cool: Jazz at the Brubeck Room concerts are made possible by a grant from the William and Karen Tell Foundation with special thanks to Catherine and Ed Romer and Tish and Chris Brubeck. A reception follows the concert where an assortment of CDs will be available for purchase and signing. Advance registration is strongly suggested due to the popularity of this jazz series and the quality of the musicians who perform. Pre-registrants should arrive by 3:50 p.m. to be guaranteed seating; waitlisted and walk-ins will be admitted after 3:50 p.m. if seats are available. The suggested donation for the concert is \$10 per person. To register, visit [www.wiltonlibrary.org](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org) and click on “Events” or call 203-762-3950, ext. 213. Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton, CT.

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**Grace Kelly Caption:** Teen-aged saxophonist Grace Kelly headlines her quintet at Wilton Library’s Hot & Cool: Jazz at the Brubeck Room concert on Sunday, October 23, from 4 to 6 p.m. Reception follows concert. \$10 suggested donation. Registration recommended. To register: [www.wiltonlibrary.org](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org) and click on “Events” or call 203-762-3950, ext. 213. Wilton Library, 137 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton, CT.