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**FITZ'S JAZZ CAFÉ AT THE McCALLUM  
DAVE KOZ 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS TOUR  
McCALLUM THEATRE  
Tuesday – December 19 – 8:00pm**

Palm Desert, CA – A holiday tradition returns to the McCallum Theatre on Tuesday, December 19, at 8:00pm, as the Dave Koz 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Christmas Tour brings together a magical combination of musicians to celebrate this special season. Celebrated saxophonist Dave Koz will be joined by special guests David Benoit, Rick Braun and Peter White, and introducing Selina Albright.

Two decades ago, Grammy<sup>®</sup> nominee Dave Koz – a nice Jewish boy – launched his first-ever Christmas tour. Now, fans and families across the country await his arrival with the kind of anticipation formerly reserved for St. Nick himself, earning the saxophonist extraordinaire the nickname “Santa Koz.”

This year’s 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary tour promises to be extra-special, reuniting Koz with two members of the original lineup – David Benoit and Peter White – and Rick Braun, a guest on many of Dave’s holiday jaunts, dating back to the early years. Newcomer Selina Albright will also join in the festivities. Together, the five remarkable artists will perform fresh renditions of Christmas classics as well as a Chanukah medley and hits from their respective catalogs.

“By all rights, smooth jazz should own the holiday season, and saxophonist Dave Koz is better positioned than anyone to make it so,” observed *The New York Times*, while *The El Paso Times* said, “Some might say it wouldn’t be Christmas without Santa, but in El Paso, it’s not Christmas until Dave Koz comes to town.”

Dave Koz has logged nine No. 1 albums on *Billboard*’s Current Contemporary Jazz Album chart, including 2015’s *Collaborations: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Collection* (Concord Records), and received nine Grammy<sup>®</sup> nominations. His five holiday albums include 2014’s *The 25<sup>th</sup> of December*. Pianist David Benoit is a three-time Grammy<sup>®</sup> nominee who has released 35 albums, scored several films and conducted such symphonies as the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the London Symphony Orchestra. Trumpet maestro Rick Braun has racked up more than 20 No. 1 singles and is also known for his work with RnR and the powerhouse trio BWB. One of the most versatile and prolific acoustic guitarists on the contemporary jazz landscape, Peter White has had numerous No. 1 songs on *Billboard*’s Smooth Jazz Songs chart and is featured on tour mate Rick Braun’s latest hit, “We Don’t Talk Anymore.” Selina Albright’s 2013 EP, *Brighter*, topped the UK Soul Chart for four weeks and her new full-length album, *Conversations*, is out

now. She has collaborated with the renowned DJ duo Manufactured Superstars and has appeared on Gerald Albright's Grammy®-nominated projects, dating back to 1997.

The McCallum Theatre presents Dave Koz 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Christmas Tour on Tuesday, December 19, at 8pm, as part of the the Fitz's Jazz Café at the McCallum series, and is co-presented by CV 104.3's Jim "Fitz" Fitzgerald

Dave Koz 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Christmas Tour is presented through the generosity of Wayne and Miriam Prim. Sponsors for this performance of Fitz's Jazz Café at the McCallum are United American Mortgage Corporation, General Air Conditioning & Plumbing, CBS Local 2 and CV 104.3

Tickets for this performance are priced at \$101, \$91, \$81 and \$61. Tickets are available at the Theatre's website at [www.mccallumtheatre.com](http://www.mccallumtheatre.com) or by calling the McCallum Theatre Box Office at (760) 340-ARTS. The McCallum Theatre, located at 73000 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert CA 92260, accepts payment by cash, personal check, VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

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