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**WOMEN IN JAZZ FESTIVAL 2008**  
**Friday, April 4 – Sunday, April 6, 2008**  
**at Saint Peter's Church**  
**619 Lexington Avenue at 54<sup>th</sup> Street, New York City**

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Presented by  
**International Women in Jazz and**  
**Midtown Arts Common**

(March 1, 2008)) **International Women In Jazz** ([www.internationalwomeninjazz.com](http://www.internationalwomeninjazz.com)) and **Midtown Arts Common** will present their second annual jazz festival honoring super jazz legends Celia Cruz, Ella Fitzgerald, and Peggy Lee (displaying their history in photographs and music), and living jazz legends Sarah McLawler, Marian McPartland, and Carline Ray (featuring the living legends in a panel discussion). The festival will include: live jazz jam with college students and other musicians, business management panel discussion, "What Is Jazz?" workshop for youth, concerts featuring dynamic bands led by women jazz musicians, and major concerts Saturday and Sunday evenings.

**Festival Event Schedule**

<b>Friday, April 4</b>	6:00-10:00 pm	Reception and live jazz with <b>Jazzberry Jam</b> . Jazz jam session with <b>Dona Carter Trio</b> , past IWJ Youth in Jazz Awardees <b>Allison Mondesir</b> and <b>Katty Rodriguez</b> , college jazz musicians and others.
<b>Saturday, April 5</b>	9:30-11:30 am	Panel Discussion: " <b>Manager and Agent To Have or to Have Not</b> "
	1:00-2:30 pm	"What is Jazz?" workshop with <b>Lauren Hooker and Bertha Hope</b>
	1:00-1:45 pm	<b>Joan Cartwright</b> and <b>Jazz Hotline</b> (IWJ Band)
	2:00-2:45 pm	<b>Jan Leder Quartet</b> (IWJ Band)
	3:00-3:45 pm	<b>Pauline Jean Quartet</b> (IWJ Band)
	4:00-5:30 pm	Panel Discussion with living legends <b>Sarah McLawler, Marian McPartland, and Carline Ray</b>
	7:00-7:45 pm	<b>Mary Foster Conklin Quartet</b> (IWJ Band)
	8:00-9:00 pm	<b>Catherine Russell and Carline Ray Quartet</b> – Vocals and Bass
	9:15-10:15 pm	<b>Mayra Casales Octet</b> – Congas, Timbales
<b>Sunday, April 6</b>	5:00–6:30 pm	Jazz Vespers with <b>Lil Phillips Trio</b> (IWJ Band)
	7:00-7:15 pm	<b>Marian McPartland</b> – Piano
	7:15-7:30 pm	<b>Sarah McLawler</b> – Piano, Vocals
	7:45-8:45 pm	<b>Myrna Lake Band</b> – Vocals
	9:00-10:00 pm	<b>Akua Dixon Quartet</b> – Cello – with special guest <b>Steve Turre</b>

**Tickets / Suggested Donation:**

Friday evening, April 4 ● Freewill Offering  
Saturday, April 5 ● \$20 Day Events ● \$25 Evening Concert  
Sunday evening, April 6 ● Freewill offering for Jazz Vespers ● \$25 Evening Concert  
3-Day Weekend Special ● \$50 for All Performances and Events

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International Women in Jazz and Midtown Arts Common (of which Saint Peter's Church/Jazz Ministry is a member) are continuing their partnership. They are presenting this festival to recognize the achievements and significance of women jazz musicians and to give women jazz musicians the opportunity to share their talent with other members of the jazz world. Additional donations are gladly accepted. Please send your check written to "International Women in Jazz" at P.O. Box 230015, Hollis NY 11423. Note for "Women in Jazz Festival 2008." Your name will be listed in the Festival Program. *Advertising opportunities in Festival program are available—deadline is February 29. Deadline for donor listings is March 15.* Call 718-468-7376 for more information.

Saint Peter's Church ([www.saintpeters.org](http://www.saintpeters.org) or 212-935-2200)  
Lexington Avenue stop on the "E" and "V" trains, 51<sup>st</sup> Street stop on the "6" train