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FOUR GRAMMY NOMINEES HEADED TO TUCSON

Pianist/composer Billy Childs, the Robert Glasper Experiment, Organist Joey DeFrancesco and Vocalist Dianne Reeves were nominated for Grammy Awards and all are performing at the 2015 HSL Properties Tucson Jazz Festival, January 16 – 28, 2015.

Billy Childs received three Grammy Award nominations in the Jazz Vocal Album, Roots Performance and Best Arrangement/Instrumental and Vocals categories. Childs performs at the Fox Tucson Theatre on Jan. 24 as a special guest with JD Souther.

Robert Glasper Experiment was nominated for Best R&B Album for *Black Radio 2*. The group appears at the Rialto Theatre on Jan. 17, and won the R&B Grammy in 2013 for their album, *Black Radio*.

Joey DeFrancesco received a Best Jazz Instrumental nomination for *Enjoy The View* with Bobby Hutcherson, David Sanborn, and Billy Hart. DeFrancesco opens the festival along with the Tucson Jazz Institute Ellington Band and Guest of Honor Jimmy Cobb

Dianne Reeves was also nominated for her vocal album, *Beautiful Life*, in the Best Jazz Vocal Album. She will perform at the Fox on Jan. 18 as part of the UApresents jazz series.

The 2015 HSL Properties Tucson Jazz Festival includes a free outdoor event which will feature two Latin jazz bands on Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 19, 2015 in downtown Tucson. Proceeds of the festival will support the Tucson Jazz Society and its educational activities.

Editor's Note: Festival Fact Sheet with complete schedule and list of sponsors, as well as high resolution photos of artists are available upon request.

More information on the festival can be found at www.tucsonjazzfestival.org.