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**Jazz Ambassadors Adam Klipple Quartet
to Perform Latin Jazz in Baku**

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The Embassy of the United States of America is pleased to announce that American Adam Klipple Quartet will perform a public concert on Saturday October 25 at 8:00 p.m. at the Baku Jazz Center (19, Rashid Behbudov Street) and "jam session" with Azeri musicians on Sunday October 26 at 9:00 p.m. at the Baku Jazz Club (4, Aziz Aliyev Street). The concert and the "jam session" are free and open to public.

The Adam Klipple was selected through a highly competitive series of auditions to participate in the U.S. Department-sponsored "Jazz Ambassadors" project. Azerbaijan is one stop in a series of Adam Klipple Quartet's tour across the CIS countries with programs celebrating Latin jazz and its importance to the music.

Latin Jazz is a fusion of African-based rhythms from the Caribbean, Central and South America with the language of Jazz. First known as Cubop, then Afro-Cuban Jazz, it was created in New York City, emerging as part of a massive socio-cultural revolution in the 1930's & 40's transcending racial lines between black, white and Latino musicians, explored in its infancy by visionary musicians like Alberto Socarras, Ernesto Lecuona, Dizzy Gillespie, Charlie Parker, Mario Bauza, Machito & his Afro-Cubans, Tito Puente, Stan Kenton, Chico O'Farrill and many others.

The jazz quartet will offer a free master class for all Baku music schools on October 25 at 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Baku Jazz Center. This New York city based quarter is composed of Adam Klipple, pianist; Aaron Johnston, drummer, Frank Colon, bassist; and David Ambrosio, percussionist.