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American "Jazz Ambassadors" to Perform in Baku

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The Embassy of the United States of America is pleased to announce that the Kelley Johnson Quartet, State Department-sponsored "Jazz Ambassadors," are coming to Baku June 11-14. They will perform a public concert on Saturday, June 12, at 7 p.m. at the Baku Jazz Center (19, Rashid Behbudov Street), and a "jam session" with Azeri musicians on Sunday, June 13, at 8 p.m. at the Baku Jazz Club (4, Aziz Aliyev Street). Both events are free and open to the public.

In addition, the jazz quartet will offer a free master class for all Baku music schools on June 14 from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Baku Jazz Center.

The Kelley Johnson Quartet, affiliated with the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., was selected through a series of highly competitive auditions to participate in this U.S. State Department-sponsored "Jazz Ambassadors" project. The Kelley Johnson Quartet is touring several CIS countries, performing classical jazz music, and Baku will be the first city on their itinerary.