

2017 *United In Jazz* Spring Concert Series



LESLIE AND FRIENDS **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 2017**

Leslie's signature clear and sultry tones, expansive range and expressive delivery defy categorization, expertly lending themselves to a diverse repertoire befitting any performance atmosphere. Honed through formal classical training at Howard University-College of Fine Arts, Leslie's gift has taken center stage in historic U.S. platforms such as Cleveland's Severance Hall, Harlem's famed Apollo Theater, and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC. She has also performed in historic venues in Tokyo, Japan, St. Thomas Virgin, Islands and Barcelona, Spain.

PETER & WILL ANDERSON TRIO **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 2017**

Virtuosos on clarinet and saxophone," (New York Times) identical twins Peter & Will Anderson have headlined the *Blue Note, Kennedy Center, and New Orleans Jazz Festival*, playing "*with a passion, unpredictability, and sense of discovery.*" (All About Jazz) Natives of Washington DC, the Andersons' are Juilliard graduates, have played on GRAMMY winning recordings, and have toured to the U.K., South America, and Japan



FLUTE PRAISE **FRIDAY, March 3rd, 2017**

Flutepraise is a unique combination of instrumental Latin/Jazz/Praise and Worship music designed to bring the listener a toe tapping/bouncing as well as a profound musical experience. The band has a unique combination of a Smooth Jazz/Latin instrumentation. Flutepraise has done several well-known events in Charlotte, including First Night, University Art's Festival, UNCC International Festival, several arts events for the City of Charlotte/Mecklenburg County and much more.

5TH & York **FRIDAY, APRIL 7th, 2017**

Come hear the foot stomping, head bobbing sounds of this nationally acclaimed jazz group. Smooth jazz saxophonist, Derwin Friday leads this amazing band with music designed to stir the soul and lift the spirit. Since 2006, Fifth and York has rocked the stages of some of the most popular places in the city and the country. Their first hit album, *Nascentum*, features the best of smooth urban contemporary jazz. Back by popular demand, come and enjoy one of the biggest and best concerts of the spring, *United in Jazz* season!

