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**Love for Sale  
Jazz concerts performed by Petrică Andrei and Amikam Kimelman Band**

**20-23 May 2015**

Who doesn't know the great love songs of George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Nat King Cole and such, as sang and performed by Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Billy Holiday, Miles Davies, Duke Ellington and other greats?

A group of Israel's leading jazz musicians team up with Romanian pianist Petrica Andrei to perform tunes such as "The Man I Love", "Our Love is here to Stay", "Love for Sale", "Lover Man" and more, in new virtuoso, energetic as well as lyrical arrangements in a one-time musical encounter:

**Petrica Andrei** – piano

**Amikam Kimelman** – saxophones

**Jonathan Volchok** – trombone

**Simon Starr** – double bass

**Rony Holan** – drums

**Concerts:**

* **Wednesday, May 20th, 20:30 – North Jazz Club, Hapara Pub, Moshav Shavei Zion**Tickets: rikitil@gmail.com / 050-7220091
* **Thursday, May 21st, 21:00 – Kfar Bin Nun, Emek Ayalon**Tickets: 058-6221227
* **Friday, May 22nd, 22:00 – The Studio Theatre Beit Hecht Haifa (138 Hanasi Blvd.)**Tickets: <http://hastudio-tr.co.il/?page_id=21> / 04-8100104
* **Saturday, May 23rd, 21:30 – Shablul Tel Aviv (Hangar 13, Namal Tel Aviv)**Tickets: <http://www.shabluljazz.com/index.html>

The page of the event: <http://www.icr.ro/jazz2015_en>.

**Petrica Andrei** is one of Europe's best pianists. Petrica's music is deeply rooted in the jazz tradition and combines exceptional virtuosity with lyrical sound and touch. As a prize winner of prestigious jazz piano contests, such as the Martial Solal piano contest in France and the Sibiu Jazz Festival in Romania, Petrica has gain recognition all over Europe, performing in international festivals in Paris, Vilnius, Vienna, Lisbon, Berlin, Barcelona, Brussels and Bucharest and in numerous performance in television channels, radio stations and venues around Romania. Petrica Andrei released 3 albums under his name and recorded and performed with renowned musicians such as French Bandoneon master Richard Galliano, American drummer Barry Altshul, German big band leader Peter Herbolzheimer and Romanian trumpet player Emil Bizga.

For more information please see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IlaqgbUSEUI>

**Amikam Kimelman** is a well known Israeli saxophonist, arranger and producer. Graduate of the Rubin Academy of Music at Tel Aviv University and Berklee College of Music, co-leader of the legendary jazz group 'Overdraft' and leader of The 'Hard Jazz Knights' and 'The Human Factory' jazz quintets, Amikam performed in festivals throughout the world, such as Grahamstown (SA), Pretoria (SA), Almati (Kazakhstan), Baku (Azerbaijan), EU Jazz Express (Budapest) and Essen (W. Germany). He played with Joanne Brackeen, Lew Soloff, Jeff Berlin, Franck Amsallem, Jean Loup Longnon, Sheila Jordan, Mike del Ferro, Inaki Sandoval, Billy Cobham, Ari Hoenig and Lou Marini, arranged and composed for The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, The Israel Simfonietta – Beer Sheva, for top Israeli jazz, pop and rock stars, for prime time television shows and for major musical events in Israel. Amikam has been the general and academic director of the Rimon School of Music between 1990 and 2014. At present he is the head of the external studies programs of Rimon and directs the music program at Nofei Habesor high school at the Negev. Amikam is the musical director of The Tel Aviv Jazz Orchestra, the artistic director of the Israeli record label Jazz 972.

For more details please see: <http://www.youtube.com/user/amki1956?feature=mheean>

**Jonathan Volchok** is a trombonist, composer and arranger, graduate of the New School in NY. He performed with jazz greats such as James Moody, Randy Brecker, Jimmy Heath, Paquito de Rivera, Junior Mance, Billy Harper and Roy Hargrove and was a regular member of the Dizzy Gillespie Big Band and the 'Slide' Hampton's band. Jonathan released his solo album MORE TO COME in 2008 which was elected as the best Israeli jazz album of the year. Since his return to Israel, Jonathan is performing throughout Israel and around the world, he is a regular member of the Tel Aviv Jazz Orchestra and teaches at the Rimon Jazz Institute.

For more please see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDyIkgmnUEM&feature=em-share_video_user>

**Simon Starr** is a bass player, graduate of Victorian College of the Arts in Australia. He studied with Garry Peacock and Dave Holland, performed with Kevin Mahogany, Takura Rogers, Mike del Ferro, Eli Degibri, Omri Mor, Julia Feldman, Robert Ancipolovsky, to name a few. Simon produced 14 albums in the jazz, rock and pop idioms and his bass can be heard in over 40 albums. Since making Aliya from Australia in 2009, Simon is very active in the Israeli music scene, including the musical direction of the White City Jazz Festival in Tel Aviv, teaching at Rimon School of Music and performing throughout Israel.

More: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCQK03aQG58>

**Rony Holan** lived in France in between 1980 and 1986 during which he completed his musical studies and played with top musicians such as Martial Solal, Jean-Pierre Debarbat and Jean-Loup Longnon and as the regular drummer of the Monte Carlo's Big Band. Since his return to Israel in 1986, Rony is one of Israel's busiest drummers, performing in television, theatre, recording studios, symphonic orchestras and festivals in Israel and throughout the world. Rony was a member of the Israeli legendary Jazz/fusion band 'Overdraft'. Along the years he performed with jazz greats such as David Liebman, Sam Rivers, Benny Golson, James Moody, Eddie Daniels, Lou Sollof, Aierto Moreira, Phil Woods and Frank Gambale. Rony served as the head of the Drums Department at the Rimon School of Music between 1995 and 2014, he is a faculty member at the Academy of Music and Dance in Jerusalem and wrote 5 method books for drummers and for rhythm studies.

For more please see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2giymMf2f0>