Jazz at Mount Lavinia

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The Mount Lavinia Hotel will come alive with jazz on October 15 and 16, 2010 with names such as Emile Nelson, Andrew Oh, Blick Bassy and local jazz players.

“Our main objective of this event is to make people understand that we can work together in peace and harmony through the wonderful medium of music,” stated Anura Dewapura, General Manger of Mount Lavinia Hotel.

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Jazz at the Mount 2010 will boast of eight hours of live musical performances focusing on vocal and instrumental jazz sessions and cuisine depicting world jazz destinations with Sri Lanka too on the menu. Dewapura stated further, “our vision for this annual occurrence always scheduled for the third week of October is to bring down big names like Joe Sample, Ramsey Lewis and world’s true jazz greats. And next year bigger names in the world too will be definitely on the cards. ”

Blick Bassy is the new soul voice of Cameroon. From HongKong, Sri Lankan musician and guitarist Dylan Lye will elate the Sri Lankan music enthusiasts. Contemporary jazz founders and followers of jazz music in Sri Lanka like Funk Avenue with Upula Madushanka, Primal Liyanage, Umariah, Rakitha, Harsha and Eshantha, and Jean Van Heer Jazz Quintet is the local jazz lineup. Emile is a Sydney session musician. OHZone consists of Andrew Oh who leads the jazz septet, Armondo Hurley on vocals, bassist Emile Nelson, guitarist Rex Goh, Mitch Farmer on Drums, Sunil De Silva and Ara Naccesius on keyboards.

Dave O’Higgins Quartet from the UK consists of Dave O’Higgins – a tenor saxophonist, pianist, double bassist and drummer. The main partners of this event thus far are Qatar Airways, the official travel sponsor.