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**GRACE KELLY QUINTET HEADLINES AS PART OF STOCKTON PERFORMING ARTS
CENTER'S MONDAY NIGHT JAZZ SERIES, OCTOBER 24th**

With Phil Woods

"Where the Arts Come Alive!"

SEPTEMBER 24, 2011, POMONA, NJ --- Having studied saxophone since the age of ten, Grace is lighting up the jazz music world and the stage of the Stockton Performing Arts Center on Monday, October 24th.

Show time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and \$40 and may be ordered online at www.stockton.edu/pac or by calling the Box Office at (609) 652-9000. The Box Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and an hour and a half before the performance. For Group Sales, call (609) 652-4786.

"Grace Kelly plays with intelligence, wit and feeling. She has a great amount of natural ability and the ability to adapt. That is the hallmark of a first-class jazz musician."

--Wynton Marsalis

Now just eighteen, Grace has performed over 500 concerts worldwide as the leader of her own quintet. Grace has already recorded and/or performed with many notable musicians: Lee Konitz, Phil Woods, Dave Brubeck, Hank Jones, Wynton Marsalis, Boston Pops, Frank Morgan, Kenny Barron, Cedar Walton, Piano Jazz with Marian McPartland, Harry Connick, Jr., Russell Malone, Rufus Reid, Matt Wilson, Ann Hampton Callaway, Terri Lyne Carrington,

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Dianne Reeves, Chris Potter, Adam Rogers, Christian Scott, Billy Hart, George Cables, and James Cotton, among others.

Appearing with Grace is Phil Woods, who is a jazz bebop alto saxophonist, clarinetist, bandleader and composer. Woods' recordings have been nominated for seven Grammy awards and have won four.

The Grace Kelly Quintet is: Grace Kelly -- saxophones/vocals, Jason Palmer – trumpet, Doug Johnson – Piano, Evan Gregor – bass, and Jordan Perlson – drums.

Grace has performed in many notable venues in the U.S., Europe and Asia such as Carnegie Hall, Rose Hall at JALC, Newport Jazz Festival, Montreal Jazz Festival, Birdland, Dizzy's Club Cocoa Cola, Scullers Jazz Club, Regatta Bar, Dakota Jazz Club, Kennedy Center, Detroit Jazz Festival, Blues Alley, Newport Blues Café, Boston Symphony Hall, Jazz Standard, 50th Grammy Awards (After party), Jazz Bakery, (LA) Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival and many more.

Media appearances include NPR "Day To Day," NPR "Here and Now," NPR "Piano Jazz," "Chronicle," WCVB-TV "5 to Watch in 2009," WGBH with Eric Jackson, XM Radio, WICN, KSFR, KCSM, ABC's WCVB-TV, CBS TV4, Fox 25 News, NECN, EBS Radio and EBS TV and numerous radio interviews. She has been featured in many magazines and newspapers in the U.S., Europe and Asia such as: *LA Times*, *Downbeat*, *Jazziz*, *Jazz Times*, *Jazztitek*, *Chosun Daily News*, *Boston Globe*, *Washington Post*, and many others.

Grace appeared as special guest artist for two nights with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops 2007 Jazz Series. One of the selections Grace performed was her award winning composition "Every Road I Walked" which she also arranged for the entire Pops orchestra. It was her first arrangement for an orchestra and strings.

For our patrons with special needs, the **Stockton Performing Arts Center** offers wheelchair accessible seating, large type programs, and listening assistive devices. Please identify any needs you may have when making a reservation.

The **Stockton Performing Arts Center**, the Jersey Shore's Center for the Arts, is located on the campus of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, on Jim Leeds Road in Pomona (Galloway Township). Just 12 miles west of Atlantic City, the Center is easily accessible from the Garden State Parkway and the Atlantic City Expressway.

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