

## “GIVE THE BAND A HAND”

### California Jazz Foundation Gala - POSTPONED

Dear Friends,

We have been monitoring the progress of the coronavirus pandemic and its impact on our musicians, supporters and volunteers. In response to the mandates from every level of our government to hold no public gatherings, and out of concern for our community, our Board of Directors must reluctantly postpone the Give the Band a Hand Gala, scheduled for April 25, 2020.

We will reschedule the Gala when it is safe and feasible, and are looking forward to celebrating with you the enormous contributions of Billy Mitchell and Johnny Mandel to the jazz community. We will periodically update you about our plans and activities.

As you know, the net proceeds of our annual Give the Band a Hand Gala support CJF's programs to assist California's jazz musicians in financial or medical crisis. Those proceeds are a primary source of funds to serve our musicians. Since virtually all of the jazz venues, concert venues, and other performance spaces are dark for the foreseeable future, we are anticipating an exponential increase in applications for assistance.

As so well stated by Jazz on the Tube, *“With the canceling of concerts and closing of clubs and restaurants, our jazz musicians are going to be hit hard. Jazz is a profession that depends on actual work, not having a ‘position.’ For all its glories and the joy it brings us, life for many of our musicians is not economically different from the life of day laborers. There's no ‘coasting’ and very few jazz musicians have the good fortune of receiving a paycheck and benefits.”*

If you have already purchased a ticket to our gala or if you are a sponsor, we will be in touch with you as soon as possible. You will have the option to:

- Request a refund
- Donate the fully tax-deductible amount of your ticket or sponsorship to the California Jazz Foundation
- Leave the funds to be applied to the rescheduled Gala

If you have not yet made a donation, please consider contributing now to help our musicians, most of whom will suffer from lack of work due to the pandemic. To make a contribution, you can:

- Pay by credit card at [www.californiajazzfoundation.org](http://www.californiajazzfoundation.org)
- Mail a check to: California Jazz Foundation at 13205 Cheltenham Drive, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
- Phone the office at (818) 261-0057

We deeply appreciate your support during this crisis, and look forward to celebrating with you when we host our next event.

We hope you and your family stay well and navigate these uncharted waters with ease.

With love and best wishes,

Edythe Bronston, President