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## **R n R turns up the heat Valentine's Day**

### **Soul-jazz stars Rick Braun & Richard Elliot unite with Family Circle Productions for the first jazz event of the year**

DETROIT, MI – Valentine's Day is about love and romance. Trumpeter **Rick Braun** and sax man **Richard Elliot** promise to make this Valentine's Day even hotter. Circle February 14th on your calendar because that is the date the hit men will deliver a cool-jazz treat in what will be the first premiere smooth jazz event of the year.

With 24 solo albums between them and a massive catalogue of chart-topping radio hits, the thrilling collaboration between Braun and Elliot has been one of the top shows to ever tour the country. They have toured together for years and have made guest appearances on each other's records. "We've had so much fun playing together live that it was time for us to get together musically," declared Elliot. "We have different approaches yet they are complementary.

Teaming up with Family Circle Productions, a local production company, the event will be hosted by **Detroit's own** jazz saxophonist **Deon Yates** with special guest, Lansing, MI saxophonist **Phil Denny**.

On Thursday, February 14, 2013 Yates will be hosting "Valentine's with R n R," at 8 p.m., at The Scottish Rite Cathedral inside the Masonic Temple 500 Temple Avenue Detroit, MI 48201. Tickets on sale now at the Masonic Temple box office, all Ticketmaster outlets and Ticketmaster.com.

Yates began his career performing for Detroit mayor Coleman A. Young while still a student at Remus Robinson Middle School on Detroit's eastside. Yates collaborated with chart topping smooth jazz guitarist Nick Colionne, vocalist Maysa Leak (Incognito), and Detroit "Soul Trumpeter" Lin Rountree to complete his debut national album, "Spotlight." This latest project solidifies his place in the jazz world following in the footsteps of his mentor and endorsement mate Richard Elliot.

"The purpose of the concert is to show that good things can be found in and still come out of the city," said Yates. "Not only do we want to bring names to the city, we want to introduce the city to some of the, sometimes unrecognized, talented artist from the region."

Family Circle Productions Inc. is an independent media services and production company located in Detroit. Created to provide affordable media services to small businesses and non-profit organizations to help them compete in today's media market without breaking the bank. For more information on the concert, Deon Yates or Family Circle Productions, visit [www.deonyates.com](http://www.deonyates.com), [www.fcpmedia.org](http://www.fcpmedia.org) or call 313-468-1327.

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