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**INTERNATIONAL ACTS JAZZ UP PIJF 2015**

*International headliners **Makiko Hirabayashi Trio with Marilyn Mazur and Klavs Hovman, CaboCubaJazz, Julia Biel** and more, are excited to make waves on Penang Island*

PENANG, 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2015 - Malaysia's longest running annual jazz festival; the Penang Island Jazz Festival (PIJF) celebrates its 12<sup>th</sup> edition this year with performances by musicians from Britain, Denmark, Germany, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland and the USA.

International artistes at the PIJF 2015 "Meet The Artists" media session yesterday included:

- The Makiko Hirabayashi Trio (featuring Marilyn Mazur and Klavs Hovman),
- CaboCubaJazz,
- Derek Brown,
- Julia Biel, and
- the Penang Philharmonic Big Band.

While chairing the session, PBA Holdings Bhd (PBAHB) and Perbadanan Bekalan Air Pulau Pinang Sdn Bhd (PBAPP) Chief Executive Officer Dato' Ir. Jaseni Maidinsa said:

"The PIJF has been able to sustain its existence through the great sensitivity shown in its programming, which is known for its warmth and responsiveness, and certainly has been consistently inspiring and innovative.

"We are honoured to be associated with this festival, supporting the excellent work it does here in Penang. The PBA Group's commitment is to serve Penang by being environmentally sensitive, responsive, proactive, professional, innovative, and committed to excellence and sustainable development. The PIJF also reflects all these values."

PIJF 2015 features a wide variety of musical performances catering for audiences of all ages. It officially kicked off on 3 December 2015 via an intimate concert named 'An Acoustic Evening', at 23 Love Lane in George Town. The festival will run through the weekend until 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

Besides the signature 'Jazz by the Beach' performances on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December, the festival's supporting activities also include talks, workshops, forums, a Friday Night Jazz Jam and poster exhibitions on 'The Visual Arts of Copenhagen Jazz Festival' and 'Just For The Love of It – Penang's Popular Music'.

There were also programmes for up-and-coming local talents through 'The Creative Malaysia Fringe programme, as well as the unique 'Sunrise @ Tropical Spice Garden' event.

Tickets to the "Jazz by the Beach" performances are priced at **RM85.00 per night** and is available via [www.ticketpro.com.my](http://www.ticketpro.com.my) and its authorized outlets. PIJF 2015 is supported by radio partners 988 FM and Capital FM.

For more information on the festival activities, visit [www.penangjazz.com](http://www.penangjazz.com) or follow us for updates on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

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**About Penang Island Jazz Festival**

Starting as a two day/one stage festival in 2004, the Penang Island Jazz Festival has over a period of eleven years, featured over 1,000 performers from more than 35 countries and has established itself to be one of the more highly anticipated and important musical festivals in the South East Asian Region. The Penang Island Jazz Festival which is recognized internationally as 'one of the better holiday jazz festivals' by its peers focuses on creating a musical experience for its audience with a number of musical activities held over a period of four days on five stages and a couple of rooms.