VECTREN JUST JAZZ SERIES PRESENTS MAGGIE GREEN AND THE BRAZILIAN JAZZ CONNECTION ON APRIL 7

(DAYTON, OHIO) – March 24, 2011 – The Dayton Art Institute’s Vectren Just Jazz series will add a Latin flavor to the mix when it presents Maggie Green and the Brazilian Jazz Connection, Thursday, April 7, at 5:30 p.m.

Vocalist Maggie Green will present a rare and exciting combination of musical styles when she joins Brazilian guitarist Bruno Mangueira and Cincinnati pianist Phil DeGreg for an evening of music in the museum’s Shaw Gothic Cloister. Also accompanying Green will be bassist Scott Gold and drummer Shane Willis, both of Columbus, Ohio.

Green, based in Columbus, Ohio, is known for her performances of jazz classics and her sophisticated interpretations of Brazilian music, primarily bossa nova and other more-current styles. She has traveled extensively throughout Brazil, performing and recording with some of the most recognized and highly regarded musicians there. In 2007, she recorded a self-titled CD in Rio de Janeiro and continues touring and sharing this music with American audiences. She is an educator and is currently on the faculty at Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio. This is her first time collaborating with guitarist and arranger Bruno Mangueira.

Mangueira is a guitarist, composer and arranger from São Paulo, Brazil. He performs bossa nova classics as well as his own mesmerizing compositions. His sound is smooth and controlled and certainly Brazilian at its core, but with hints of jazz influence. He has recorded and performed with several famous Brazilian artists, such as Toninho Horta, Robertinho Silva and Tiago Costa. He has worked as both an arranger and musical director for various CD and DVD projects, concerts, big band and orchestral events. Bruno has previously collaborated with pianist Phil DeGreg and taught workshops at the University of Cincinnati.

DeGreg began playing the piano in his childhood and now performs as a jazz pianist internationally. His earliest jazz influences were Bud Powell and Bill Evans, but he is accomplished and comfortable in a wide range of jazz styles, from mainstream to bebop to Brazilian jazz. His versatility has led to professional performances with dozens of internationally recognized jazz artists, as well as leading and recording with his own groups. DeGreg has released nine recordings as a leader and has been recorded as a sideman on many other jazz projects.
DeGreg is currently Professor of Jazz Studies at the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music, where he teaches jazz theory, arranging, piano, and ensembles.


The 2011 Vectren Just Jazz series presents concerts on the first Thursdays of March – June and August – November. There is no concert scheduled in July. Upcoming Vectren Just Jazz performances include:

- **May 5**: The Hal Melia Quartet
- **June 2**: Kick ’N Flava
- **August 4**: Mark Lomax II
- **September 1**: The Kathy Wade Quartet
- **October 6**: Ed Clay & The Patrol
- **November 3**: Khalid Moss & Michael Bashaw

All performances begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Shaw Gothic Cloister at The Dayton Art Institute. Admission is FREE for museum members and $8 for non-members. General admission tickets may be purchased at The Dayton Art Institute the night of each performance.

For more information about the Vectren Just Jazz series and other programs at The Dayton Art Institute, please visit www.daytonartinstitute.org or call the museum at 937-223-5277. Be sure to also visit The Dayton Art Institute on Facebook (facebook.com/daytonartinstitute) and Twitter (twitter.com/daytonart) for additional information and exclusive offers.

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