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Big names in lineup for Asper jazz series

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PIANIST Kenny Barron will kick off a resurrected **Asper jazz** series that will include the likes of Joe Lovano, Stefon Harris, Mulgrew Miller and Oliver Jones.

The five-concert series, renamed the Izzy **Asper Jazz** Performances, will run from September to May in the Berney Theatre at the **Asper** Jewish Community Campus, series producer Bev Aronovitch announced yesterday.

Award-winning pianist Kenny Barron will be backed on Sept. 24 by bassist Steve Kirby, director of **jazz** studies at the University of Manitoba, and drummer Alvin Atkinson, artist in residence.

The Hilario Duran Trio, which just won a Juno Award, will appear on a double bill with Winnipeg's Papa Mambo on Oct. 26. Duran's trio includes one of the best drummers around, Horacio (El Negro) Hernandez.

Vibraphonist Stefon Harris and pianist Mulgrew Miller are slated for Nov. 26 and superstar saxophonist Joe Lovano will perform April 8, 2006, with Kirby, Atkinson and pianist Ron Paley.

Two of Canada's best-known **jazz** musicians, pianist Oliver Jones and bassist Dave Young, will close out the series May 7, 2006.

Subscriptions (\$130 for the five concerts) go on sale May 9 by calling 477-7510 or on-line at www.radyjcc.com. Casual tickets which go for \$30 (plus fees) go on sale Aug. 15 at Ticketmaster.

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