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**MUSIC LEGEND MICHAEL HENDERSON'S WASHINGTON SHOW
BENEFITS DUKE ELLINGTON SCHOOL OF THE ARTS**
Zanzibar Performance Features Jazz Empress Jean Carne

Washington, DC – In a visit to DC this week, acclaimed jazz and R&B musician Michael Henderson will conduct a master class at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts and perform at Zanzibar on the Waterfront, donating 50% of proceeds from CD sales to the public arts school.

Henderson's award-winning multi-platinum history includes four decades of hit music as Miles Davis' bassist and a string of hits as an R&B vocalist, including chart-topper "You Are My Starship," "Wide Receiver," "In the Night-Time," "Valentine Love," "Be My Girl," and many others.

In an effort to introduce the public to rising talent, Henderson will include Ellington students in his Friday Zanzibar performance. He has, for years, emphasized the need for arts education and raised funds for the cause.

"Interacting with the students onstage allows for a positive, creative life experience for me as well as the students," says Henderson. "It is my mission to promote the excellence of our young musical scholars and give audiences a glimpse of who's next."

"I'm tremendously excited about Mr. Henderson's commitment to arts education and grateful that such an esteemed performer recognizes the importance of giving back. He is a great role model," says Rory Pullens, Ellington's head of school.

Henderson also will share the stage with legendary jazz and soul singer Jean Carne, a jazz and soul singer known for her unique vocalizing and impressive interpretative and improvisational skills. Ms. Carne sang on the first two Earth Wind and Fire albums and has led a lengthy musical career.

Michael Henderson will be available for radio interviews the morning of Thursday, April 19, and media are welcome to visit him at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, 3500 R Street, Washington, DC from 1:30-2 p.m. He will conduct a master class from 2-3 p.m.

The Zanzibar performance will take place on Friday, April 20 at 8 p.m., 700 Water St. SW, Washington DC 20024, 202.554.9100.

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For Henderson's biographical information, visit www.michaelehenderson.com.

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