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UNIFIED JAZZ ENSEMBLE RELEASES *HENRY'S SAKE MARTINI*, FEATURING ALL ORIGINAL COMPOSITIONS

The Unified Jazz Ensemble (UJE) is proud to release *Henry's Sake Martini*, the Ensemble's ninth recording. Following nearly 20 years of performance experience, this album represents the unique sound and playing style of four diverse and seasoned jazz musicians. A CD release performance will take place at **7:00pm on Sunday, May 15 at the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion** in Baltimore, Maryland and at **8:30pm on Tuesday, May 17 at 49 West Café** in Annapolis, Maryland.

Mike Noonan, UJE's founding leader and award-winning performer, plays vibraphone and composed all tracks on the album. Tim Stanley, a Latin Grammy award-winning trumpet and flugelhorn player, joins the group for the second time in this recording. Dominic Smith, one of the most in-demand drummers in the D.C./Baltimore area, grounds the album along with John Pineda, UJE's set-the-groove bassist for more than 16 years.

The UJE's repertoire changes and grows with the experience of the band members, and the music on this recording came about through years of ensemble direction, as well as individual input. These all-original tunes feature the UJE's straight ahead swing style, as well as a wide variety of influences, from Bossa Nova to Dixieland.

"While these compositions were written over several years, the band has really breathed new life into them with this recording," says UJE leader and composer Mike Noonan.

"Live performance is what it's all about for us, so recording can be tough. This one was seamless, even enjoyable to lay down. We're proud of the result."

Henry's Sake Martini was recorded in Baltimore, Maryland at the historic Garrett-Jacobs Mansion on May 7, 2011 by Medford Canby, Front and Center Live Recording, frontandcenter@verizon.net. The recording was mixed by Medford and the UJE, mastered by Bill Wolf, and produced by the UJE. Mike Noonan plays and endorses mallets by Innovative Percussion, www.innovativepercussion.com. CD Design and photos by Kari Watts.

The Unified Jazz Ensemble thanks family, friends, fans and supporters, and particularly Brian and Sarah Cahalan and the staff at 49 West in Annapolis, Maryland where the group performs every Tuesday evening.

Henry's Sake Martini is available for purchase or download at www.unifiedjazz.com.

Unified Jazz Ensemble

The Unified Jazz Ensemble (UJE), based in Annapolis, Maryland, is dedicated to bringing the best of jazz to audiences of all ages. The group was founded in 1992, and has performed across the United States and internationally, engaging listeners in innovative performances of jazz standards and original compositions. The UJE's ninth recording, *Henry's Sake Martini*, was released in April 2011 and features all original compositions. School and community residencies by the Unified Jazz Ensemble in 2010-11 are organized in partnership with Class Acts Arts have been made possible with support from Chamber Music America's Residency Program, funded through the generosity of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. Ensemble members are: Mike Noonan, John Pineda, Dominic Smith, and Tim Stanley. Learn more at www.unifiedjazz.com.

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