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Dear members

Around the time of the Edo Period (1603-1868), Creative City of Kanazawa produced very distinctive traditional performance arts which still lives in these times. We are preserving these traditions carefully and promoting new activities to stimulate the culture and improve the quality of life at the same time.

We provide citizens and tourist with valuable opportunities to get close to various cultures through activities such as “Orchestra Ensemble Kanazawa”, “La Folle Journée” a joint event with Nancy (France) and so on.

“Kanazawa JAZZ STREET 2010” will be held, which started last year, in this autumn. 150 of live concerts will be given at 20 venues in the central part of Kanazawa City during the period. This music event aims to: “Create the bustle of the street in Kanazawa” and “Cultivate people who will lead the next generation” through Jazz.

This event consists of three main programs.

- “JAZZ Live on the street”: these live concerts will be given by students and general admission players on the street and open-air stages.
- “JAZZ Studio Workshop”: this will be held at Kanazawa Citizens’ Art Center which opens 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- “Special Concert”: this concert will be given by top artists from all over the world at music pubs and concert halls.

As a new project, we are inviting artists from Korea and China. Distinguished people from every walk of life, who are Jazz Fans, are also invited for a symposium “JAZZ Discussion” to speak of their keen desire and fascination of Jazz.

“Kanazawa JAZZ STREET 2010”, which we had over 80 thousand visitor last year, will be held from September 18<sup>th</sup> (Sat) to 20<sup>th</sup> (Mon) this year.

The sound of JAZZ will be carried across the historical townscape of Kanazawa during the period. We are looking forward to your visit.

<http://kanazawa-jazzstreet.jp/>

I wish you all the best and success more and more.

Yours sincerely

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