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12TH STREET JUMP— NEW NAME, NEW LOCATION WHEN PUBLIC RADIO'S JAZZ, BLUES & COMEDY JAM RETURNS MAY 1

*Live broadcasts on FM 89.3 KCUR return with Angela Hagenbach
celebrating the birthdays of Duke Ellington and Henry Mancini*

(April 19, 2010) Public radio's weekly jazz, blues and comedy jam returns Saturday night, May 1 at midnight with a brand new name: **12th STREET JUMP**. Broadcast live on FM 89.3 KCUR, the show is getting a new home as well: "The 12th Street Rag," the bar and lounge located on the lobby level of the Kansas City Marriott Downtown.

"We're very excited to be moving Downtown, into the thick of things," shared Mark Edelman, president of Theater League, the organization that produces **12th STREET JUMP**. "12th Street has always been Kansas City's jazz, blues and honky-tonk heart. 12th STREET JUMP will continue that tradition on the same street where Count Basie tickled the ivories at the Reno Club and Big Joe Turner shouted the blues."

12th STREET JUMP celebrates its new digs and name May 1 with a show featuring the music of the legendary composers Duke Ellington and Henry Mancini. "We missed their birthdays in April," explained 12th STREET JUMP producer Karen Yuhasz. "We hated losing those shows, so we're going to do them Saturday night, May 1."

Kansas City's own Angela Hagenbach, whose top-selling CD "The Way They Make Me Feel" features a number of Mancini tunes, will be 12th STREET JUMP's special guest.

Located along Kansas City's 12th Street Jazz Walk of Fame, the KC Marriott Downtown is convenient to area theaters and the Power & Light District. "We'll have two hours of validated parking for folks attending **12th STREET JUMP**," continued Edelman. "The Downtown Marriott has a long history with Kansas City jazz. The place is decorated with great murals celebrating our jazz heritage. And it's really accessible. My 89 year old Dad can finally make it to the show--- if he can stay up that late."

12th STREET JUMP will return with hosts Pete Weber and Pearl McDonald and resident vocalists David Basse and Nedra Dixon. Musical director Joe Cartwright plays piano with Tyrone Clark on bass and Mike Warren on drums. The show's line up of featured artists and special guests through the end of June includes the following:

	FEATURED ARTIST	SPECIAL GUEST
May 1/2	Duke Ellington & Henry Mancini	Angela Hagenbach
May 8/9	A tribute to Harry Truman and Kansas City jazz of his era	
May 15/16	Big Joe Turner	
May 22/23	Miles Davis	Stan Kessler
May 29/30	Oliver Nelson	Matt Otto
June 5/6	Al Grey & Cole Porter	Osmond Fisher
June 12/13	Erroll Garner & Chick Corea	
June 19/20	Eric Dolphy	Kim Park
June 26/27	Dave Grusin & Lena Horne	

“We’re especially thrilled to have Stan and Kim back,” related **12th STREET JUMP** producer Dave Fuson. “These cats have been on the show numerous times. They helped us launch the original 12 OCLOCK JUMP at the Mutual Musicians Foundation.”

12th STREET JUMP is produced and presented by Theater League, celebrating thirty-three years enhancing the quality of life in Kansas City with the thrill of live music and theater. Admission to the show is free; doors at the KC Marriott Downtown, 200 West 12th Street, open Saturday nights at 11:30PM. Validated parking at the Marriott garage is subject to space availability.

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