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**Media Alert**

Interview and Photo Opportunity with  
Renowned Jazz Trumpeter

**Rick Braun**

**And Celebrity Chefs of “Jazz in January”**

January 11 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the St. Regis

Dana Point, Ca. - - Rick Braun, who will perform with saxophonist Gerald Albright at the annual Ocean Institute “Jazz in January”, will be available for photos and interviews at this private media reception. Braun began as a trumpeter for the jazz-fusion group, “Auraclez”. After the group disbanded, Braun turned to song writing and scored a hit with REO Speedwagon’s “Here with Me.” He has been a recipient of two of the Gavin Report’s “Smooth Jazz Artist of the Year” Awards. He has collaborated with artists Tina Turner, Natalie Cole, Sade, Tom Petty, War, Glen Frey and Crowded House. His latest CD, “Yours Truly”, was released in 2005.

Also available for interviews and photos are the Executive Celebrity Chefs participating in the gourmet dinner at the fundraiser: Bill Bracken, The Island Hotel; Bruno Egea, Fairmont, Newport Beach; Frederic Castan, St. Regis Monarch Beach Resort; Matthew Leonard, Montage Resort & Spa; David M. Scalise, Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort and Spa; and Rob Wilson, The Ritz Carlton, Laguna Niguel. **Interviews and photos will begin with a 2:00 champagne reception followed by a Celebrity Chefs’ food tasting at 3:00. An Ocean Institute photographer will be supplying photos upon request.**

The premiere evening of “Jazz in January” will feature an intimate performance for 200 guests by Rick Braun and the legendary Gerald Albright. Albright’s saxophone and electric bass work has graced hundreds of recordings by legends such as Nina Simone, Barry White, Nancy Wilson, The Temptations, Stanley Clarke, Lamont Dozier, Randy Newman and Teena Marie. The fundraiser will also include a cocktail reception with wines provided by Young’s Market Company, a magnificent martini luge provided by Ketel One Vodka and an award-winning, four-course dinner prepared by the Celebrity Chefs. Tickets are \$500 per person. For more information: contact Ellen Meese at [emeese@ocean-institute.org](mailto:emeese@ocean-institute.org) or (949) 496-2274 x 412.

**When: Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

5:30 – 7:30 PM Cocktail Reception and Silent Auction

7:30 – 10:45 PM Dinner, Performances by Braun and Albright, Live Auction, Chefs Presentation

**Where:** Ocean Institute, 24200 Dana Point Harbor Drive, Dana Point, Ca. 92692

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