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## **Lufthansa Jazz Series**

**At the Design Center of the Carolinas**

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The Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany to North Carolina, Kurt Waldthausen has organized and will host a Lufthansa German Airlines Jazz Concert, followed by a reception May 12<sup>th</sup> in front of the Film Foundry at Camden Road at the Camden Square Village in the hip South End district, adjoining Charlotte's uptown. Waldthausen - himself an aficionado of Jazz - had the idea to celebrate this music form not only because the Carolinas have produced many world renown and outstanding Jazz Greats but also because Jazz should have a place in this region and deserves celebration as an important part of American Culture that unites people all over the world and contributes to a better understanding of diverse people. Waldthausen has designed this event as a fundraiser to benefit internationally focused "Not-For-Profit" organizations and additionally fund a program for students from the UNC system to study at the German partner universities for a 6 or 12 month period and to offer the same opportunity to German students in reverse. Says Waldthausen: "We believe that successful and strong economic ties between Germany and North Carolina need to be accompanied by North Carolina students studying in and learning about Germany. They will become a vital link and indeed be the foundation on which future strong American German ties can be built."

Musically this year's event will go back to the roots of Jazz and will feature The Southern Fried Jazz Band from Charlotte, NC.

Honorary Chairmen will include The Honorable Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Hans-Jörg and Hannelore Brunner from Atlanta, GA and The Honorable Mayor Pat McCrory as well as The Honorable Chairman County Commissioner of Mecklenburg County, Mr. Parks Helms. Over 300 guests representing many of the German and American business community, the NC Government, Educational Institutions and Members of various German institutions will be present.

Waldthausen, who has served on many local and internationally orientated community boards states: "German business and German people have always been welcomed by the Carolinas and the American people and I am fortunate enough to have experienced this friendship first hand upon coming to Charlotte, NC in 1982. What a privilege to give back to this community by celebrating the art form of American Jazz and supporting worthwhile causes."

Sponsors of the event include Lufthansa Airlines as the Title Sponsor, MECA Properties, Ernst & Young, The Landesbank Baden-Württemberg, New York branch and many more German and American firms in the Charlotte, NC area. Tickets to the concert and reception are \$40 per person.