

Legendary jazz bassist Ron Carter to perform in Hong Kong in December

Hailed as one of the greatest jazz bassists, Ron Carter will collaborate with pianist Donald Vega, guitarist Russell Malone and key local jazz figure Ted Lo, who is a former member of the Ron Carter Quartet, for a performance in December.

The concert by Ron Carter Trio will be staged at 7.30pm on December 1 (Saturday) at the Auditorium of Tsuen Wan Town Hall as one of the programmes in this year's "Jazz Up" series. Audiences can expect sparks to fly at this long-awaited reunion between Carter and Lo.

Ron Carter, now 81, is living jazz history. His musical prowess and achievements have long been recognised and his playing style is considered textbook material – a smooth bassline and a lively but steady bass pizzicato. He is peerless at emphasising chord tones in different intervals, while things like double stops are a "walk in the park".

Carter is among the most original, prolific, and influential jazz bassists, and was verified as the most recorded jazz bassist in history by Guinness World Records in 2015. From 1963 to 1968, Carter was a member of the classic and acclaimed Miles Davis Quintet. He continues to tour worldwide, playing to sold-out crowds across Europe, Asia, and South America.

Carter was named Outstanding Bassist of the Decade by the Detroit News, Jazz Bassist of the Year by Downbeat magazine and Most Valued Player by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences of the United States. He has earned two Grammy awards, one in 1987 for Best Instrumental Composition for "Call Sheet Blues" from the film "Round Midnight" and another in 1994 for Best Jazz Instrumental Group. In 2014, Carter was made a Commander of Order of Arts and Letters by the French Ministry of Culture.

The concert by Ron Carter Trio is presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. Tickets priced at \$180, \$250, \$350 and \$420 are now available at URB TIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7321 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_627.html.