



HALEKULANI'S LIVE AT LEWERS PRESENTS THE RETURN OF EDDIE HENDERSON ON FEBRUARY 6

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WAIKIKI, HAWAII – January 7, 2016 – The iconic [Halekulani](#) commences its 2016 *Live at Lewers* jazz season featuring its innovative cultural programming with a special return performance by legendary New York musician, Eddie Henderson. Renowned pianist, Tommy James, will be part of the featured quintet in two extraordinary performances on Saturday, February 6.

Eddie Henderson, renowned for his work as a traditional jazz musician, is also known by some fans as the *Funk Surgeon*, referring to both his interest in electronic music as well as his medical degree. This will be his second year performing at Lewers Lounge. Tommy James, in turn, joined the Duke Ellington Orchestra in 1987, and in 2010 assumed the position as conductor and musical director of the band.

Henderson will perform two concerts at 7:30 and 9:15 p.m. Tickets for the *Live at Lewers* event are \$100 for VIP seating (first row) and \$75 for prime seating plus tax and includes parking. Food and beverages will be served prior to the concert for an additional cost. Reservations are required. To attend or for more information, call Dining Reservations at (808) 923-2311 or visit <https://www.halekulani.com/live-lewers>.

“Since its inception, Halekulani has been one of Hawaii’s leading contributors to art, culture and music,” said Peter Shaindlin, Chief Operating Officer of Halekulani Corporation. “Our pioneering programming with *Live at Lewers* is a testament to our ongoing commitment and leadership in the musical and cultural community, bringing inspiring and unique performances to both locals and guests alike.”

Lewers Lounge, named after Robert Lewers who opened the original Halekulani in 1907, has become one of the go-to venues for live jazz featuring both classical acts as well as new jazz talent. Since its launch in 2013, the *Live at Lewers* series at Lewers Lounge has continued evolving its legacy as one of the world’s great jazz rooms with appearances by Tony Bennett, Diana Krall, Jack Jones, Eddie Henderson, Tierney Sutton, Robert Cazimero and other legends of jazz. The renowned lounge has been described as an oasis for jazz fans and cocktail enthusiasts alike, features contemporary and classic cocktails, paired with delectable bites and live entertainment.

About Eddie Henderson

Eddie Henderson is one of today’s top and most original Jazz trumpet players. Henderson was born in New York City on October 26, 1940. His father sang with the Charioteers, and his mother danced as one of the Brown Twins at the Cotton Club. Louis Armstrong gave Henderson his first few trumpet lessons at the age of nine. Henderson moved with his family to San Francisco when he was 14 years old. He studied at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music from 1954 to 1957. Around 1956, Miles Davis was a guest at Henderson’s home during a Black Hawk Jazz Club gig and was impressed with Henderson’s ability to perform his famous “Sketches of Spain” without a fluff and encouraged Henderson to seek his own originality. Following Air Force service from 1958 to 1961, Henderson became the first African American to compete for the National Figure Skating Championship, winning the Pacific and Midwestern titles. The year 1961 was the beginning of Henderson pursuing dual careers: medicine and music. After receiving a Bachelor of Science in Zoology at the

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University of California at Berkeley in 1964, he got his M.D. at Howard University Medical School in 1968. Henderson interned at San Francisco's French Hospital during 1968 and 1969 and undertook a two-year residency in Psychiatry at the University of California hospital from 1969 to 1971. Henderson first got worldwide recognition for his Jazz-trumpet playing from the popular recordings he made with Herbie Hancock's Mwandishi Group during the early 1970's. Other Jazz performers Henderson has played with include Pharoah Sanders, Art Blakey, Elvin Jones, Johnny Griffin, Slide Hampton, McCoy Tyner, Benny Golson, Max Roach, Jackie McClean, Dexter Gordon, Roy Haynes, Joe Henderson etc. Henderson has been on the faculty at The Juilliard School of Music since 2007 and Oberlin University Jazz Department faculty since 2014. His discography consists of albums under his name on Capricorn Records, Blue Note Records, Capitol Records, Columbia Records, SteepleChase Records, Sirocco Records, Miles Davis' Kind of Blue album, Furthermore Recordings and Smoke Sessions Records.

About Halekulani

Since its inception in 1984 as one of the world's finest and most acclaimed independent luxury hotels, Halekulani has received more than 500 accolades, awards and honoraria. The property is one of The World's Best Hotels on *Condé Nast Traveler's* 2015 Gold List and was voted Best Hotel on Oahu in *Travel + Leisure's* 500 World's Best Hotels for 2015. Halekulani is home to *SpaHalekulani*, *House Without A Key*, *Lewers Lounge*, *Orchids* and *La Mer*, Hawaii's longest, consecutively ranked AAA 5 Diamond and *Forbes Travel Guide* Five-Star Restaurant. For twenty years, Halekulani has maintained a strong commitment to arts and culture through exclusive alliances with Oahu's most iconic cultural venues. Halekulani is operated by the Hotels and Resorts of Halekulani, a brand management division of the Honolulu-based Halekulani Corporation, which also oversees the Waikiki Parc. Halekulani is a member of The Leading Hotels of the World and is aligned with Japan's legendary Imperial Hotel.

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