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Re: Performance by The Pascal Bokar Afro Blue Grazz Band at The Nash

To Whom It May Concern:

Pascal Bokar and his 11-piece Afro Blue Grazz Band delivered a spellbinding lecture and performance to a packed house at The Nash Jazz Concert Club in Phoenix on August 9, 2021. With authoritative yet human digestible dialog, interspersed with originally produced graphics and video shot in his native West African villages, Pascal "connected the dots' across centuries and continents to the manifestation of jazz in North America.

This event attracted a diverse audience that was hungry for both the information and the spirited captivating performance. Everyone left the venue enriched by the experience and eager to return to The Nash for more such events.

As the executive/artistic director of The Nash – a non-profit venue devoted to presenting high caliber jazz performances and educational programs to cultivate future jazz musicians, educators, and audiences – I wholeheartedly recommend this extraordinary ensemble event to venues and funders. This is authentic – "the real deal" – and we need more such opportunities in the mix for an enlightened perspective on the source where not only the music, but <u>we</u> as people come from.

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide additional information in support of Pascal Bokar and the Afro Blue Grazz Band.

Yours truly,

Joel R. Goldenthal Executive Director

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