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International pianist and composer, Joe Sample and NEA Jazz Master, flutist Hubert Laws will join Music Doing Good for Homegrown Houston – 3G, on May 11, 2012, 8 pm, The Hobby Center's Zilkha Hall, for the 2011-2012 Jazz series finale. Special guest also includes Jewel Brown, legendary international vocalist and Louis Armstrong's featured vocalist of the 1960s. All ticket sales benefit Music Doing Good in Schools outreach program, an innovative, interdisciplinary, musical-arts enrichment program for students 7 to 18 who want to take their skills to a higher level. Homegrown Houston celebrates three generations of Jazz musicians who have made their contributions to the great American art form, in Houston and beyond. Performing with Sample, Laws and Brown are special guests Anibal Ambert, Jordan Donald, Andre Hayward, Chase Jordan, Horace Alexander Young, Darrell Lavigne, Horace Grigsby and Clyde Adams along with Music Doing Good in Schools program director and core artist, Aisha Ussery Adams. As part of Teacher Appreciation Week (May 7 – 13), Music Doing Good also honors all of the teachers in Houston who are "growing" the next generation of Houston musicians. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at www.thehobbycenter.org or by calling 713.315.2525. Special thanks to media sponsor and programming partner, KTSU Radio 90.9 FM, The Choice.

Joe Sample has been an integral, innovative and bestselling part of jazz history for more than four decades. A native Houstonian, Sample attended Phillis Wheatley High School and Texas Southern University, where he founded the legendary Jazz Crusaders. His best-selling recordings include Rainbow Seeker, Carmel, Voices in the Rain, Spellbound to name a few and The Joe Sample Collection and the three CD Crusaders Collection. His personal interpretations of classics by the likes of Scott Joplin, Jelly Roll Morton, Duke Ellington, Fats Waller were the inspiration for much of his original work as well as the repertoire for The Crusaders. But Sample has toured and performed with numerous greats across all musical genres including Marvin Gaye, Tina Turner, BB King, Eric Clapton, Steely Dan, Joe Cocker, Randy Crawford, Anita Baker, Andrae Crouch and many others.

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