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O'Doul's Restaurant & Bar Releases CD featuring Vancouver's finest jazz players

"It's a great time to be jazz fan in Vancouver and this collection confirms it." Paul Grant, CBC Radio

ROBSON STREET – After almost eight years of presenting the best of the local jazz scene O'Doul's Restaurant & Bar is proud to announce the release of its first compilation CD – "Take Time" – featuring 14 of Vancouver's finest jazz artists, all frequent players at O'Doul's Restaurant & Bar.

"We see Take Time as a snapshot of this period in the restaurant's history," states Lise Magee the CD's producer and restaurant's PR person. "These are the people and the sound that you will see and hear every night of the week at O'Doul's. It's an embarrassment of riches really – such astonishing talent! We're thrilled to be able to present such great folks and to give music fans in this city a chance to witness firsthand the thriving scene and its finest established and emerging jazz talents."

Featured on the CD are trios and quartets led by guitarists Bill Coon and Jeff Shucard, vocalists Karin Plato, Alita Dupray, Kate Hammett-Vaughan, Jennifer Scott and Leora Cashe; sax players Mike Allen, Saul Berson, Campbell Ryga, Stewart Loseby, Ross Taggart and keyboardists Bob Murphy and Sharon Minemoto. Three tunes - "Paulina" written and performed by Campbell Ryga, "Love Me or Leave Me" featuring vocalist Leora Cashe and "Don't Explain" featuring new talent Alita Dupray – have never been released before.

"Take Time" is a promotional CD and is not available for sale. As such it is a rare commodity, although guests who book the "Winter Jazz Series" overnight hotel package between November 26, 2003 and May 31, 2004 are guaranteed a copy.

O'Doul's Restaurant & Bar is located in the Listel Vancouver Hotel, the exclusive hotel sponsor of the Vancouver International Jazz Festival. The restaurant was also host to the official late night jam sessions of the Jazz Festival – a highlight of 2003 and a tradition management intends to continue for many years to come.

Dubbed "A cultural tourist's dream*" Listel Vancouver Hotel boasts a perfect location on the city's most eclectic shopping and dining street and has a reputation for creative partnerships with some of the city's most significant cultural organizations, including the Buschlen Mowatt Gallery and the Museum of Anthropology.

Although constantly reinventing itself, O'Doul's Restaurant & Bar has been a tradition on the Vancouver dining scene for over 30 years and in the words of Mia Stainsby, restaurant critic for the Vancouver Sun "...it's never been better." In its most recent incarnation the focus is on fine dining, an extensive award-winning wine list and on presenting the best of the vibrant local jazz scene.

For additional information on O'Doul's Restaurant & Bar please view the website at www.odoulsrestaurant.com. For reservations or consumer information please call 604.661.1400.

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