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TRUMPETER CHARLES LAZARUS RELEASES NEW CD
Zabava to be unveiled in show at Dakota Jazz Club

Charles Lazarus will celebrate the release of his second CD, **Zabava**, with a performance at the Dakota Jazz Club and Restaurant in Minneapolis on Sunday, November 9, 2008. Joining him onstage will be Tommy Barbarella, keyboards, Jeff Bailey, bass and Craig Hara on drums.

Zabava is a widely-used Slavic word for music-centered parties featuring virtuoso players. The music on this recording is a nod to that Eastern European tradition of instrumental fire infused with a modern club vibe. The recording includes an original composition, *Dancing Gypsy*, featuring special guest Osmo Vänskä, Minnesota Orchestra music director, on clarinet.

Drawing a standing room only crowd at each of his Dakota appearances, Lazarus continues to captivate his audiences with innovative performances including an original orchestral pops show, *A Night in the Tropics*, slated for its second performance with the Minnesota Orchestra in the spring.

Lazarus's music meets with critical acclaim as well. Writer Rod Smith declares, "Roll over Martin Denny, and tell Yma Sumac the news: Charles Lazarus has supplanted you both and then some. Informed by classical music and jazz (as well as life itself), the Minneapolis-based trumpet virtuoso's far-ranging exotica eschews cheap theatrics in favor of solid composition and the kind of self-assurance that skews toward eloquent understatement, evoking myriad realms every bit as pregnant with possibility as the one we inhabit."

Michael Anthony writes in the Minneapolis *Star Tribune*, "with his rich, shining tone, ... he plays smart swinging solos that go somewhere and tell a story." Jazzreview.com states "very impressive... Lazarus shows off a gorgeous tone over quiet guitars and keyboards, ascending to the high register effortlessly... incredible technique."

What: Charles Lazarus CD release
Date: Sunday, November 9, 2008
Time: 7:30 pm
Where: Dakota Jazz Club and Restaurant
1010 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55403
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Tickets: \$12

Biography

Charles Lazarus is known for his distinctive blend of lounge/exotica and funk fired jazz. The trumpeter/composer's eclectic career has been met with acclaim from critics worldwide. Lazarus made his main stage Carnegie Hall solo debut with the New York String Orchestra at the age of 19 while still a student at The Juilliard School in New York. He has been a member of the Dallas Brass, Meridian Arts Ensemble, Canadian Brass, and currently the Minnesota Orchestra. He has been on the trumpet faculties of Princeton University and St. Olaf College, and has performed and taught master classes in every US state, Canada, South America and throughout Europe and Asia.

Lazarus has performed his own compositions for the Montréal and Ottawa international jazz festivals, live on Radio Canada, for music videos that have aired nationally on Canadian television, and as an opening act for Tony Bennett. He has performed with the New York Trumpet Ensemble, The New York Big Brass, The London Brass, and the Montréal Symphony and has been a soloist with the Minnesota Orchestra, North Carolina Symphony, Oregon Symphony, Florida Orchestra, Les Violons du Roy, and the Bach Society among others. He has recorded for television and Imax film scores, as well as major symphony orchestras and numerous classical, pop and jazz ensembles.

Recent highlights:

2005 - Charles released his debut CD, *Solo Settings* with producer/multi-instrumentalist Craig Hara. The CD earned rave reviews and Lazarus's composition *Waves* was voted the Great American Song Contest's instrumental song of the year.

2006 - He performed and presented master classes at Yale University and The Juilliard School.

2007 - Lazarus premiered his original orchestral pops show, *A Night in the Tropics*, with the Minnesota Orchestra and Osmo Vänskä, and was the opening act for Tony Bennett at the Orchestra's Symphony Ball. In the same year, Charles won the prestigious McKnight Fellowship for Performing Musicians.

2008 - His second solo recording, *Zabava*, was released with Tommy Barbarella, Jeff Bailey, Craig Hara, and special guests Tim O'Keefe, Shai Hayo, and Osmo Vänskä.

2009 - Charles will be featured with his quartet at the International Trumpet Guild conference and will have a repeat performance of *A Night in the Tropics* with the Minnesota Orchestra.

Charles Lazarus: ZABAVA

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Eastern European inspired jazz infused with a modern club vibe performed by the Charles Lazarus quartet.

CD will be available for purchase online at cdbaby.com, amazon.com, [iTunes.com](http://itunes.com)
Digital and physical distribution through The Orchard at www.theorchard.com.

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