



Press Release

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Citi Cards Japan, Inc.

“Diners Club Presents - Jazz Session on YouTube”

More than 400 applications received for Diners Club-sponsored Jazz Contest on YouTube

Citi Cards Japan, Inc., the issuer of Diners Club credit card, has received over 400 applications for the Jazz contest, “Diners Club Presents - Jazz Session on YouTube”. Applications were accepted from November 16, 2009 to January 11, 2010.

This is the first official moving image contest of the Jazz World on YouTube. The popularity of YouTube successfully drew immense public attention to the contest. All applicants’ performances can be viewed at the contest’s special site (<http://www.youtube.com/ytjazzjp>).

There have been interesting applications submitted by various unique artists under each category of the contest. Some of these include a vocalist contributing a fabulous scat for the piano & vocal category, a dandy guitarist from the guitar category, a vocalist singing beautifully with a ladle, instead of microphone, and so on.

Among the 400-plus applications received, 70 groups were chosen based on viewers’ votes. In the final round of evaluation, which is currently taking place, up to 10 groups or singers will be selected. These contest winners will perform live together with top artists including world famous jazz pianist Bob James, who is also one of the judges, at the Blue Note Tokyo on Sunday, February 21. Results of the contest will be announced at the contest’s special site in early February.

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About Citi Cards Japan, Inc.

Citi Cards Japan, Inc. operates the credit card business in Japan for Citigroup, one of the world's largest issuers of credit cards. Citi Cards Japan brings together the strengths of Diners Club, a credit card pioneer in Japan renowned since 1960 for its service and status, and Citi Card, which leverages Citigroup's expertise in global markets to offer a strong suite of products and services for its card members.

About Blue Note Tokyo

Blue Note Tokyo is the Tokyo outpost of legendary Blue Note in New York, which commemorated its 20th anniversary in November 2008. Blue Note Tokyo serves as a venue where one can enjoy fine cuisine and beverages together with music by top artists in the field of jazz as well as other musical genres. It continues to evolve as a jazz club for mature music lovers to gather, relax and share thrills and joys of music.

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