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“DAVE KOZ AND JONATHAN BUTLER TOGETHER AGAIN 2010”
SUMMER TOUR LAUNCHES ON JUNE 17th

Trek Will Feature Sheila E. As Special Guest;
Peabo Bryson Will Perform On Select Dates

Multi-GRAMMY® nominee and saxophonist extraordinaire **Dave Koz** and acclaimed singer-songwriter/guitarist **Jonathan Butler** will be hitting the road this summer, jamming on one another's biggest hits as well as premiering material from their upcoming studio albums. Drummer/percussionist/vocalist **Sheila E.**, who has toured with artists such as Prince, Cyndi Lauper and Ringo Starr, will be featured as special guest. GRAMMY-winning vocalist **Peabo Bryson** will also perform on select dates. (See below for itinerary.) The “**Dave Koz And Jonathan Butler Together Again 2010**” summer tour will kick off on June 17th at Sound Board at Motor City Casino in Detroit, MI. Tickets will be available at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>.

Dave spends nearly every summer on tour, assembling a different group of friends for each outing, and always delivering an inspiring, high-energy show. “Koz...works extremely hard at engaging his audience... treating his horn almost as a dance partner,” said London's *Times* in a review of one of his recent shows, hailing his showmanship as “impeccable.”

Koz – who is the bandleader/co-host of the new ION Television variety series “The Emeril Lagasse Show,” airing on Sundays at 8:00 PM ET/PT – is currently recording at Henson Recording Studios (previously A&M Studios) in Hollywood, CA with GRAMMY-winning co-producers Marcus Miller (Miles Davis, Luther Vandross) and John Burk (a producer on Ray Charles' final studio album, *Genius Loves Company*). He'll be giving audiences a preview of songs from the record, set for release this fall by Concord Records. He'll also be delving into his extensive catalogue, which includes hits such as “You Make Me Smile,” “Faces of the Heart,” “Can't Let You Go (The Sha La Song)” and “Honey Dipped.” *Dave Koz – Greatest Hits* debuted at No. 1 in September 2008 on *Billboard's* Top Contemporary Jazz Albums chart. It topped the chart for eight weeks and now, a year and a half later, is still in the Top 40.

Multi-GRAMMY nominee **Jonathan Butler** will feature songs from his new album, *So Strong*, which will be released on May 11th. The title track (and first Urban AC single) sets the tone for a collection of original songs bursting with hope, joy and romance. **Koz** plays on the Latin-tinged “Make Room For Me,” the first single at smooth jazz radio.

Butler's recordings have spanned R&B, contemporary jazz, adult pop and gospel, blending his roots in African music with western pop sensibilities. Born in Cape Town, South Africa, his 1986 debut, *Introducing Jonathan Butler*, was a Top 10 hit on *Billboard's* Top Jazz Albums chart. *So Smooth* is his 15th solo collection and follows 2007's *Live In South Africa* and *Brand New Day*, which peaked at #6 on the Top Contemporary Jazz and Top Gospel Albums charts respectively, and 2009's *Falling In Love With Jesus: Best Of Worship*. **Butler** was a featured vocalist on *Gospel Goes Classical*, which hit #2 on both *Billboard's* Top Gospel Albums and Top Classical Crossover Albums charts. Fans can look forward to hearing **Butler** perform such hits as the GRAMMY-nominated “Lies” and “Going Home” on tour this summer.

Dave Koz – Solo Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Venue</u>
5/14	New Haven, CT	John Lyman Center for the Performing Arts
5/15	Charlotte, NC	Carolina Jazz
5/16	Newport Beach, CA	Hyatt Regency Newport Beach Summer Jazz Festival
6/5	Los Angeles, CA	Japanese American Cultural Center – Dave to appear as Special Guest w/David Benoit for Asian American Symphony Concert

“Dave Koz And Jonathan Butler Together Again 2010” Summer Tour

<u>Date</u>	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Special Guest</u>
6/17	Detroit, MI	Sound Board at Motor City Casino	Sheila E.
6/18	Atlantic City, NJ	Showboat Atlantic City House of Blues	Sheila E.
6/25	Hampton, VA	Hampton Coliseum – Jazz Festival	Sheila E.
6/26	Dallas, TX	House of Blues	Sheila E.
6/27	Houston, TX	House of Blues	Sheila E.
7/16	Minneapolis, MN	Weesner Amphitheatre/Apple Valley	
7/17	Hammond, IN	The Venue at Horseshoe Casino	Peabo Bryson
7/18	Milwaukee, WI	Pabst Theatre	
7/23	Austin, TX	Riverbend Center	Sheila E.
7/24	Las Vegas, NV	Sunset Station Hotel and Casino	Sheila E.
7/30	Baltimore, MD	Pier Six Pavilion	Sheila E.
7/31	Kettering, OH	Fraze Pavilion for the Performing Arts	Sheila E.
8/6	Saratoga, CA	Montalvo Arts Center	Sheila E.
8/7	Healdsburg, CA	Rodney Strong Winery	Sheila E.
8/13	San Diego, CA	Humphrey's	Sheila E. & Peabo Bryson
8/14	Long Beach, CA	Long Beach Jazz Festival	Sheila E.
8/20	Honolulu, HI	Blaisdell Concert Hall	Sheila E.
8/27	Seattle, WA	Benaroya Hall	Sheila E.
8/28	Temecula, CA	Thornton Winery	Sheila E.
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