The International Jazz Coalition The Billy Taylor Trio Willie Ruff, Dwyke Mitchell, Kurt Vonnegut Jr., Joseph Skvorecky, and Rod McLeish,

Invite you to a gala reception following

## THE JAZZ FREEDOM CONCERT Monday, December 7, 1987 8:00pm

35th & Resevoir Road NW

Concert tickets: \$20 Concert and reception: \$100

All Proceeds will go to facilitate the publication of the Jazz Section newsletter, which has been banned. All donations are tax deductible.

For Information call 234-1055

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## (Background)

In 1971 the Jazz Section of the Czech Musician's Union was formed. Under the law, they were allowed to publish a mostly uncensored newsletter about jazz for members only. This publication shortly became a forum for censored materials including serial novels, poems and political articles, and was widely circulated in Czechoslovakia. The estimated readership was over 300,000, although only 3000 copies were printed. In 1985, the Musician's Union was ordered to disband the Jazz Section. They refused, and instead, the entire union was dissolved, and 7 leaders of the Jazz Section were jailed under the pretense of tax evasion. Five of those leaders have been released under extreme political pressure from western supporters. Two remain in jail. It is in order to draw attention to their plight, and also to make an attempt to republish their newsletter, that the International Jazz Coalition has sponsored this event.

Yes, I would liketickets to the Jazz Freedom Concert and Reception. Enclosed is \$(\$100 each)
Yes, I would liketickets to the Concert only.
Enclosed is \$ (\$20 each)
No, I cannot attend the concert or reception, but here is my
tax deductible donation to the International Jazz Coalition.
Enclosed is \$
Reception location to be announced. Please make checks
payable to: INTERNATIONAL JAZZ COALITION.

Tickets will be held at the door.