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## Herb Alpert, Lani Hall to perform at Boca arts fest

Don't expect a retrospective when jazz trumpeter legend Herb Alpert and his wife, singer Lani Hall, appear at the Festival of the Arts BOCA March 6.

The couple will perform medleys from Tijuana Brass for him and Sergio Mendes & Brasil '66 for her from their earlier careers at the festival set for March 4 through 16 in the seated and covered Mizner Park Amphitheater.

But "we do songs from the great American Songbook," said Alpert, a California native who has been touring with his wife for 10 years. And as a former record producer under the A&M label, he's still churning out his own

albums of standards. "Come Fly With Me," released in 2015, has covers and original music. His 2013 "Steppin' Out" won a Grammy, one of nine, and he followed that with "In the Mood."

On their playlist for the Boca gig are such tunes as "Fever" and "Chattanooga Choo Choo." Alpert calls them "songs that are familiar to people, but we give them fresh new arrangements," he said in a phone interview. "It's primarily a jazz show, which means the direction is more a jazzy direction and improvisational."

He added that, "A lot of the rhythms we play in the show are Brazilian. The drummer we have, Michael Shapiro, played

with Sergio Mendes for 26 years, so he knows the intricate rhythms of Brazil and we integrate them into the music."

Hall was called the voice of bossa nova.

"I can tell when I'm singing the Brasil '66 medley from the '60s that people are thrilled to hear the sound they heard then," she said. "I'm also doing an Antonio Carlos Jobim that has Portuguese in it, and sure I'm doing a couple of other Brazilian songs in the set. I've been singing in Portuguese since I'm 19. I don't speak, but I sing it like a native and I have a really good accent. The music of Brazil sings through my soul."

Alpert and his former

**POWER DUO** Jazz trumpeter Herb Alpert and his wife, singer Lani Hall, will perform at Festival of the Arts BOCA. SUBMITTED PHOTO

promoter partner, Jerry Moss, were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2006, and Alpert is part of the Grammy Museum's "Icons of the Music Industry" series.

"In 2013 he was awarded The National Medal of Arts Award by President Barack Obama for his musical, philanthropic and artistic contributions," said Caroline Graham, who handles the pair for C4 Global Communications.

At one with his trumpet, Alpert had the

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horn sitting on his lap and played a few notes on

the phone.

"I am completely passionate," he said. "I've been playing trumpet since I was 8. I paint and sculpt and play music and I'm into supporting making good music."

His bronze totems are on display at the Field Museum in Chicago, and his 20-year-old foundation makes grants to young at-risk musicians.

"We've been playing concerts to standing ova-

tions," said Alpert, who will come into Boca after a show at Wolf Trap and leave for 10 appearances at the Carlyle Hotel in New York. "Our songs are appropriate for the time, and we'll play a whole spread of material."

*Herb Alpert and Lani Hall will perform at 7 p.m. March 6 at the Festival of the Arts Boca, Mizner Park Amphitheater, 201 Plaza Real. Visit <http://festivaloftheartsboca.org/> or call 561-368-8445.*

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