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The Sunshine Jazz Organization is very proud to announce our upcoming 31<sup>st</sup> Season Gala Celebration! You are invited to join in the festivities on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 6:00pm -10:00pm in the ballroom at Miami Shores Country Club. Expect special moments, dedications, delicious dining and, of course, fabulous JAZZ! Our featured musical treasure will be sax sensation ***Richie Cole & The Alto Madness Orchestra***.

“Fresh off two critically acclaimed recordings: *Richie Cole Plays Ballads & Love Songs* and *The Many Minds of Richie Cole*, and with his latest CD release - *Richie Cole--Latin Lover*, the alto sax savant is busier than ever and set to return to South Florida with an 8-piece Alto Madness Orchestra! *"I had my hand in the creation of this most important organization," Cole boasts with pride. "I am honored to have been asked to perform on this landmark day!"* The Alto Madness Orchestra was developed by Cole in the early 90's and its popularity continues. As Richie explains, “The idea of the Orchestra is the concept and sound of an 18-pc big band using only eight instruments, four of which are horns. Not only does this have the big band ensemble sound, it also allows us plenty of room for improvisation as if we were in a quartet setting.”

Richie's career began in 1969 playing with the Buddy Rich Big Band followed by Lionel Hampton's and Doc Severinsen's Big Bands. He toured worldwide with his own quintet in the 70's & 80's, popularizing bebop and his own “Alto Madness” style. He's performed and recorded with many greats: Eddie Jefferson, Manhattan Transfer, Freddie Hubbard, Sonny Stitt, Art Pepper, Nancy Wilson... Notably, Cole has performed at the Village Vanguard and Carnegie Hall as well as gave a command performance for the Queen of England. Richie Cole has recorded over 50 albums and CDs. We should be in very good hands with Richie's Alto Madness!

SJO's 31<sup>st</sup> season is made possible through your support. Please join us on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at Miami Shores Country Club, 10000 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami Shores, FL 33138. General Admission is \$50 | SJO Members are \$40. Please reserve your seats as soon as possible by contacting: [Sunjazzorg@aol.com](mailto:Sunjazzorg@aol.com); Thelma Valles (305)693-2594; or Holly Spillane (954)554-1800.

The Sunshine Jazz Organization has been promoting Jazz awareness, education and performances since 1986. As a Miami-based, non-profit entity, SJO's mission is to create and promote Jazz awareness through our diverse, year-round programming. SJO produces opportunities for audiences of all ages to experience the beauty and importance of America's precious, indigenous music... JAZZ!

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