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**DAVE KOZ'S ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION,  
FEATURING 18 HOLIDAY CLASSICS, IS OUT TODAY**

**Dave Koz and Friends Christmas Tour 2011 With Special Guests Rick Braun,  
Jonathan Butler and Candy Dulfer Launches November 25**

***Ultimate Christmas***, featuring 18 holiday songs performed by **Dave Koz**, was released today by Capitol/EMI. The collection features the six-time GRAMMY® Award nominee's renditions of such perennial holiday classics as "**The Christmas Song**," "**Winter Wonderland**," "**Deck The Halls**," "**O Tannenbaum (O Christmas Tree)**" and "**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**" plus "**White Christmas**" featuring **Kelly Sweet** and "**Please Come Home for Christmas**" featuring **Kimberley Locke**. The songs were hand-picked from **Dave's** three previous holiday albums – *December Makes Me Feel This Way*, *A Smooth Jazz Christmas* and *Memories of a Winter's Night*. **Koz** also recorded two brand new instrumentals for ***Ultimate Christmas***: "**Welcoming the Season (Prelude)**" and "**Welcoming the New Year (Coda)**."

**Dave Koz and Friends Christmas Tour 2011** kicks off on November 25<sup>th</sup> (the day after Thanksgiving) at Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center in Atlanta, GA. Trumpeter/composer/producer **Rick Braun**, South African singer/guitarist **Jonathan Butler** and Dutch saxophone star **Candy Dulfer** will join **Koz** for the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tour. The four will perform hits from their respective catalogues and jam on new arrangements of holiday favorites. See below for itinerary.

"[Koz] works extremely hard at engaging his audience. His showmanship, in fact, is impeccable," said *The Times* of London. The *Palm Beach Post* called last year's Christmas tour "downright uplifting and energizing" while the *El Paso Times* observed: "'El Paso's love affair with Dave Koz, and his with us, showed no signs of letting up...as Koz and his latest touring companions lit up the Plaza Theatre like a Christmas tree."

**Dave's** latest studio album, ***Hello Tomorrow***, debuted at No. 1 on both *Billboard's* Top Contemporary Jazz Albums chart and iTunes' Jazz Album chart and was named the "Best Smooth Jazz Album of 2010" by iTunes. Hailed as "an event record" by *The New York Times*, it features "**Put The Top Down**," which spent 18 weeks at No. 1 on the Mediabase Smooth A/C chart (the longest stint at No. 1 of any of **Koz's** chart-topping hits), the Top 5 hit "**Start All Over Again**" featuring vocalist Dana Glover and **Dave's** version of the Burt Bacharach-Hal David classic "**This Guy's In Love With You**," which hit No. 1 on the Breakouts for Hot Dance Club Play chart. "**Anything's Possible**," **Koz's** latest single, was also a #1 hit record.

**Track listing – *Ultimate Christmas Collection***

1. Welcoming the Season (Prelude)
2. Santa Claus Is Coming to Town
3. The Christmas Song
4. Sleighride
5. White Christmas
6. Winter Wonderland
7. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
8. Little Drummer Boy
9. Please Come Home For Christmas
10. Silver Bells
11. Eight Candles (A Song For Hanukkah)
12. Deck the Halls
13. Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas
14. O Tannenbaum (O Christmas Tree)
15. Silent Night
16. I'll Be Home For Christmas
17. Auld Lang Syne
18. Welcoming The New Year (Coda)

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11/25	Atlanta, GA	Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center
11/26	Sarasota, FL	Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall
11/27	West Palm Beach, FL	Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Arts— Dreyfoos Hall
11/28	Naples, FL	Philharmonic Center for the Arts
11/29	Melbourne, FL	Maxwell C. King Center
11/30	Clearwater, FL	Ruth Eckerd Hall
12/2	Chicago, IL	Auditorium Theatre
12/3	Columbus, OH	Palace Theatre
12/4	Cleveland, OH	Playhouse Square
12/5	North Bethesda, MD	Strathmore Music Center
12/6	Newport News, VA	Ferguson Center for the Arts
12/7	New Brunswick, NJ	State Theatre
12/9	Temecula, CA	Pechanga Resort and Casino
12/10	Oakland, CA	Paramount Theatre
12/14	Mesa, AZ	Mesa Arts Center/Ikeda Theatre
12/15	Palm Desert, CA	McCallum Theatre for the Performing Arts
12/16	Cerritos, CA	Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts
12/17	Cerritos, CA	Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts
12/18	El Paso, TX	Plaza Theatre Performing Arts Center
12/20	Santa Barbara, CA	The Granada Theatre
12/21	Modesto, CA	Gallo Center for the Arts
12/22	Santa Rosa, CA	Wells Fargo Center for the Arts
12/23	San Diego, CA	Balboa Theatre

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