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Who's Who of Utah Skiing turns out in support of Jazz for Peace Concert in Salt Lake City!

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Pictured: – Alta, Sundance, and Snowbird Ski Industry Pioneer Junior Bounous chats it up with Jazz for Peace Pianist and Vocalist Rick DellaRatta.

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Local Ski Titans Redford, Bounous and Johnson Lend Support to Salt Lake City "Jazz for Peace" Concert.

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By Timothy Singer

What do Utah skiing and African Tribes people have in common? "Plenty!" says Snowbird co-founder Wilma Johnson, who has been traveling to Kenya to aid the Samburu Tribe for the past 20 years. Through her efforts to build drought-fighting water tanks and help secure microcredit loans, educational services and more, the Samburu Tribe of northern Kenya has made tremendous progress in their efforts to integrate with Western Society while preserving their culture and traditions.

To help the Samburu continue their progress, the world famous Jazz Group "Jazz for Peace", featuring pianist/singer/and composer Rick DellaRatta, came to Salt Lake to perform a benefit concert to aide this cause on Thursday May 5th at the Tavernacle Social Club in downtown Salt Lake. In addition to local Jazz fans, the concert also featured an eclectic array of Snowbird, Sundance and Alta resort ski legends and season pass holders as owners and founders of all three resorts came out in support of this world class music and worthy cause.

Acclaimed by presidents, dignitaries, celebrities and lovers of great music all over the world for the past 10 years, Jazz for Peace featuring Rick DellaRatta has built a reputation as one of the world's greatest Jazz performers with over 800 such benefits over the past 9 years to aide outstanding causes worldwide including a performance at the Nairobi National Museum in Kenya this past February. At the Salt Lake event, DellaRatta wore an array of clothing hand made by Kenyan Tribes people which was presented to him at this historic performance in Kenya only a few weeks ago.

Having performed with everyone from Dizzy Gillespie to Paquito D' Rivera, Jazz for Peace Band Leader Rick DellaRatta is now considered by many to be one of the finest Singer/Pianists performing today and one of only a handful of Jazz Artists who can make a successful musical presentation to a large audience without having to abandon the true art form of Jazz. DellaRatta was recently included in the Book "Jazz Singers" as one of the top Jazz Vocalists of all time and by The Foundation Center in their list of the top musician philanthropists of our time along with Bono (U2), Elton John, Peter Gabriel and Sting.

Kenya was also the setting for the movie classic "Out of Africa", prompting one of its stars and Sundance Ski Resort owner Robert Redford to lend his name to the festivities offering his "very best wishes for a successful event".

In addition to a rumored "Holiday Event" for this same cause in Salt Lake this coming December, a four-city concert tour beginning in New York and continuing on to Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Washington DC was recently announced in partnership with Jazz for Peace and A Better Community For All (ABC4All) to aid Global Peace Partners, an organization providing vital medical services to third world countries.

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