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## Kimpton Hotels reinvigorates 'Off the Record' concert series

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Christian Kuria and The Aces will be among this year's performers. Image credit: Kimpton Hotels & Resorts

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InterContinental Hotels Group's Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants is bringing concert fans back together with its annual live music series, showcasing a diverse group of acts in cities across the U.S.



American singer-songwriter Christian Kuria will set the "Kimpton Off the Record" 2023 tour in motion with a performance in Phoenix on Feb. 23. Ticket sales will support several of Kimpton's non-profit partners, including the New York-based civil rights organization the National Urban League.

"Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants has always created open and welcoming spaces that foster real, human connections, and we've always believed in the power of music to bring people together," said Kathleen Reidenbach, chief commercial officer of Kimpton, in a statement.

"We have an exciting lineup of artists for Off the Record this year who will take center stage at some of our newest spaces," Ms. Reidenbach said. "We are thrilled to be able to create these really immersive and intimate listening experiences for our guests and our local communities while also giving back to our nonprofit partners."

## On the road again

The Kimpton concert series is an opportunity to not only show off a varied group of artists and styles but to celebrate history.

As the five-city concert series continues, it will honor key moments throughout the calendar year, such as Women's History Month in March, Black History Month in February and Black Music Month in June. All performances will take place in venues that are new to Kimpton's portfolio.

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Mr. Kuria will perform at the new Eden Restaurant at Kimpton Hotel Palomar in Phoenix as part of his "Suspension of Disbelief" world tour. The R&B singer-songwriter received plaudits for his 2020 release "Borderline," which produced the singles "23<sup>rd</sup> Street" and "Toroka."

Alternative-pop quartet The Aces will stop by the recently opened L.O.A. rooftop at Kimpton Alma in San Diego for a performance on March 10. The band has been praised for exploring themes of gender identity, sexuality and mental health on their 2020 release "Under My Influence," as well as in the single "Don't Freak" released the following year.

New Orleans-based band Tank and the Bangas will also play in their own backyard, on the terrace of King Restaurant at Kimpton Hotel Fontenot in New Orleans on June 1. The group has garnered Grammy nominations and the 2017 Tiny Desk Contest award from National Public Radio thanks to their fusion sound.

There will a fourth show in September at Kimpton's Forum Hotel in Charlottesville, VA, and in October at the Kimpton Seafire Resort and Spa in Grand Cayman. More details are forthcoming.

The series is part of a push towards furthering diversity throughout the Kimpton ethos–something that has been lacking (see story).

Kimpton is providing IHG One Rewards members with exclusive tickets to the first three shows for \$30 each. Tickets are available on IHG's Platform.

More information can be found across Kimpton's social media and at the Off the Record site.

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