



## **TOP JAZZ VOCALIST RACHAEL CALLADINE TO HEADLINE THE NSO RED DRESS GALA**

*NSO Jazz Ensemble at Dinner/Dance, 6 March, Rosewood Abu Dhabi  
Helping raise awareness of heart disease prevention for women*

**Abu Dhabi, UAE. 4 March 2015** – The NSO Jazz Ensemble, featuring top international jazz vocalist Rachael Calladine, are sure to get the dance floor jumping at the NSO Red Dress Gala on 6 March 2015 at the Rosewood Abu Dhabi.

The NSO Jazz Ensemble is part of the [NSO](#), which forges artistic links internationally to entertain, inspire, educate and promote music making across the UAE.

Guests will be welcomed with a drinks reception from 7.30pm, hosted by Official Event Partner, the Rosewood Abu Dhabi, followed by a gourmet buffet dinner with cash bar, then dancing till the small hours with the NSO Jazz Ensemble, featuring Rachael Calladine.

Janet Hassounah, NSO Founder and Executive Director, said: “We are aiming to make the NSO Red Dress Gala a memorable evening for our guests, not only with some great jazz music from the NSO Jazz Ensemble and the very talented Rachel Calladine, but to raise awareness of how women can help prevent heart disease and live long, fruitful lives.

“The World Heart Federation has estimated that women are ten times more likely to die of cardiovascular disease than breast cancer. That’s why we’re supporting the efforts of the annual National Wear Red Day campaign in the US to help raise awareness of heart disease prevention among women in the UAE.”

In 2003, the American Heart Association (AHA) and the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute took action against a disease that was claiming the lives of nearly 500,000 American women each year. As a result, [National Wear Red Day](#) is held on the first Friday in February every year to raise awareness that heart disease is the No.1 killer of women.

Tickets for the NSO Red Dress Gala are Dhs375 or Dhs2,850 for a table of eight, and are available at: [Time Out Tickets](#); [www.nsouae.org](http://www.nsouae.org); [ticketing@nsouae.org](mailto:ticketing@nsouae.org); Spinneys Khalidiya.

**Photo caption:** Top International Jazz Vocalist Rachael Calladine

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**About NSO** [www.nsouae.org](http://www.nsouae.org)

NSO comprises the NSO Symphony Orchestra, the NSO Chamber Orchestra, the NSO Symphonic Pops Orchestra, the NSO Opera & Chorus and the NSO Music Agency.

More than 100 musicians of some 20 nationalities, who live in six of the seven emirates, make up the various formations of NSO and are professional musicians and musical educators who have performed regularly for their own national orchestras.

NSO performs numerous major symphonic and operatic works, as well as a more popular classical and music theatre repertoire. Every concert endeavours to feature musical contributions from the UAE, whether a composer, solo singer or musician, such as a pianist or *Oud* player.

NSO presents concerts throughout the year for the general public and is regularly called upon to perform for private, corporate and government events. NSO also outsources, through its NSO Music Agency, smaller groups such as the NSO Symphonic Brass, the NSO Big Band, the NSO String Quartet, the NSO Jazz Ensemble, the NSO Three Tenors and the NSO Three Sopranos.

Entrepreneur and former Opera Singer Janet Hassouneh founded NSO in 2011 to meet the region's cultural aspirations. Originally from the USA, where she obtained her master's in musical performance, she has worked in the music business in the UAE for the past 30 years, performing, teaching and organising music theatre and opera concerts featuring international guest artists from New York and London. Numerous performances were staged for charitable causes, under the auspices of the UAE authorities. NSO UAE was formed to reciprocate the government's hospitality.