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Sarasota Jazz Festival Celebrates 30 Years

Seven days of great jazz await those attending the 30th Annual Jazz Festival of Sarasota from February 28 to March 6. For the first time, most concerts this year will be in the Players Theatre where tickets are now on sale (365-2494).

Jazz in the Park

**Sunday, February 28, 12:00-5:00 p.m.
Phillippi Estate Park**

Kicking off the Festival as usual is the afternoon of jazz in the park with four outstanding jazz groups. Leading off at noon will be flautist/vocalist Dotti Taylor and the Tom Hamilton Jazz Trio. Taylor, a New York native, is the President of the International Women in Jazz and a Julliard School of Music graduate. Next up will be The Level 10 Band from Tampa. The band is known for its soul sounds and very danceable music. The third group is the exciting Lannie Battistine and his "Hand in Motion Latin Band." You will hear rumba, salsa, mambo and Latin jazz that will keep your feet jumping. Last group is vocalist Al "Coffee" McDaniel, with a blues voice reminiscent of Barry White, Joe Williams and Marvin Gaye. He will bring back some great memories from the past of jazz singing.

Admission \$10 at the gate; students free

Four Freshmen

**Monday, March 1, 8:00 p.m.
The Players Theatre**

They may graduate some day, but for now they are still the fabulous Four Freshmen! This group, with all of the great tunes from the past, as well as new standards, has been wowing audiences

for generations with their unique sound. Performing all over the world to extremely devoted fans, the Four Freshmen return to Sarasota where they have had many sellouts (a Monday afternoon concert will be added if the evening concert sells out). The group will receive the prestigious Satchmo Award, given each year by the Jazz Club. Past winners include Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, George Shering and Gerry Mulligan.

*\$40 Gold Circle; \$35 general admission;
\$30 club members; \$10 students*

Jazz Violinist Doug Cameron

**Tuesday, March 2, 8:00 p.m.
The Players Theatre**

Jazz Violinist Doug Cameron, recently relocated to Florida from Los



Doug Cameron, Jazz Violinist



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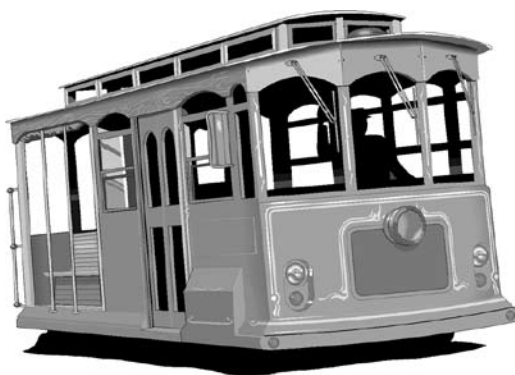
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Angeles where he played at the Hollywood Bowl, as well as for various films. Doug wowed the attendees last year in a Jazz Club concert, proving he is both a gifted jazz artist and an audience’s favorite performer. More recently, he has been touring Europe and South America. One of his most memorable concerts was for jazz buff and actor Clint Eastwood. *\$35 Gold Circle; \$30 general admission; \$25 club members; \$10 students.*

Greg Nielsen All Stars

Wednesday, March 3, 3:00 p.m.
The Players Theatre

One of the most popular jazz groups in our area, The Greg Nielsen All Stars, will have six pieces playing foot stomping music that always excites the audience. Greg, in addition to being one of the finest trombonists in the state, has been a noted instructor of many fine young jazz musicians. Come see the concert and jump on the Jazz Trolley afterwards!
\$20; club members \$15; students \$10



Jazz Caravan by Trolley

Wednesday, March 3, Jazz Trolley
6:30-10:30 p.m.

Meet at the Van Wezel parking lot at 6:00 p.m., and then jump on board the Trolley at 6:20 p.m. for one of the most favorite events at every Jazz Festival! The trolley will take you to seven different venues around town, each with its own band. Have dinner or drinks and listen to the great sounds all over town—its one big party!
\$15 for tickets in advance or \$20 that evening.

Saxophonist Harry Allen and Trio
Thursday, March 4, 8:00 p.m.

The Players Theatre

Much in demand on many continents, Harry Allen is considered to be one of America’s finest jazz saxophonists. “Nothing less than perfect” according to John Pizzarelli and “Harry Allen is fantastic!”



Harry Allen

says Steve Allen. Allen excited audiences in Sarasota several times, performing with some of the greatest jazz artists. He brings back memories of all the great jazz saxophonists.
Gold Circle \$35; general admission \$30; club members \$25; students \$10

Dick Hyman and Peter Appleyard

Friday, March 5, 8:00 p.m.
The Players Theatre

These two jazz legends have packed the house many times in Sarasota with their great music. Both are previous Satchmo Award winners! Hyman is known as a pianist with many different styles and he has played at virtually every major jazz festival and concert hall. Appleyard spent many years with the Benny Goodman Band and has also played at Albert Hall in London. Together they have a special magic that audiences always adore.
Gold Circle \$40; general admission \$35; club members \$30; students \$10.

Youth in Jazz Night

Saturday, March 6, 8:00 p.m.
The Players Theatre

Come hear and cheer the stars of tomorrow’s jazz. It is amazing how these young jazz musicians have reached unbelievable heights in only a few years. You will not believe how good they are! (See page 3 for details.)
Gold Circle \$35; general admission \$30; club members \$25; students \$10.

The Jazz Club of Sarasota is pleased to invite you to this very special Jazz Festival event!

Youth in Jazz Night

Saturday, March 6, 8:00 p.m. • The Players Theatre

Celebrating 30 years of offering jazz to the community, the Jazz Club is honored to present an evening of hot jazz that focuses on our youth. “Keeping Jazz Alive!” has been a Jazz Club tradition, since its creation. Having been acclaimed “America’s Most Active Jazz Club,” it is only befitting that our jazz programs include individuals who will carry on the Jazz Tradition ... our YOUTH!

JOSÉ VALENTINO & FRIENDS

Jose Valentino and Friends lead off the night and will be featuring 15 year old pianist, Antonio (Tony) Madruga, who is from Miami. He was awarded the *Downbeat Magazine* outstanding student jazz performer. He recently performed at the Duke Ellington Jazz Festival in Washington D.C.

The 21-year old “Mr. Flute On Fire” was the winner of the Advancement of the Arts Jazz Flute Merit Award. Other awards and accolades José Valentino has



José Valentino

received include: Yamaha Young Performing Artist, NFAA Merit Award winner, *Downbeat Magazine* Jazz Soloist Outstanding Performance Award, 1st place award for Film Scoring “Breaking Point.” He has shared the stage and/or opened up for Chick Corea, Aaron Neville, Eric Alexander, Hubert Laws, Danny Gottlieb, Kenny Drew Jr., John Lamb, Slide Hampton, Rickard Drexler, and many, many others. Music is Valentino’s passion and his proven jazz and classical skills are proof of that fact.



Antonio (Tony) Madruga

15-year old pianist **Antonio (Tony) Madruga** will be featured with Valentino. In October 2005, he was featured in *JAZZIZ Magazine*. In June 2007,

Tony was awarded the prestigious *Downbeat Magazine* student award for outstanding classical solo performance and outstanding jazz performance. In September 2007, he was invited to perform at the Duke Ellington Jazz Festival, Washington, D.C. In December 2007, jazz icon Paquito D’Rivera invited Tony to perform at Carnegie Hall. In 2008, he was a guest of Arturo O’Farrell at Birdland Jazz Club, NYC, and December 2008 he appeared for 4 nights at the Dizzy Coca Cola Club, NYC. Tony’s major jazz influences are jazz greats Oscar Peterson, Art Tatum, Gene Harris, Bill Charlap, Bill Evans, and many others.

The second part of the evening will be a jam session featuring a stage full of great young musicians from all over Florida: Trumpeter Jean Caleb Joseph (23 yrs.); Alto saxophonist Nalisio Taveras (28); Bassist Jennifer Medina (23 yrs.); Tenor saxophonist Jordan Richardson (15 yrs.); Trombonist David Smith (23 yrs.); Pianist Jahaan Sweet (16 yrs.); and Drummer/vibraphonist and Parrish resident, Rodney Rocques (18 yrs.).



Jean Caleb Joseph



Jordan Richardson



Rodney Rocques



Two Exciting Winter Concerts

Jazz Banjoist Cynthia Sayer
February 15, 2010 8:00 p.m.
at The Players Theatre

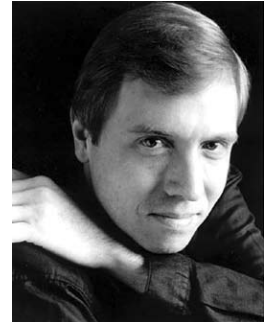
Cynthia Sayer has played with many great musicians including Les Paul, Marian McPartland, Winton Marsalis, Marvin Hamlisch, Ken Peplowski and 10 years with the Woody Allen New Orleans Jazz Band. Cynthia was inducted into the National Four String Banjo Museum in 2006. The New York Post commented "Sayer is not only one of the best banjo players around, she's also a sincere vocalist who effectively puts across songs." Cynthia returns to Sarasota to perform for family and friends.



Tickets are now available at the Players Theatre (365-2494). All seats \$15.

Vibraphonist/Drummer Chuck Redd
March 20, 2010 7:30 p.m. at Holley Hall

Chuck Redd has traveled the world playing both the vibes and drums with such greats as Mel Torme, Dizzy Gillespie and Monty Alexander as well as appearances at Dizzy's Club at Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, the Tonight Show and the White House. He was a 15 year member of the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra. The Washington Post praised Redd's "melodic sparkle" and the Jazz Times called his vibes "Exquisite!" Tickets may be purchased at the door. Call 366-1552 for information. Admission \$25/Members \$20.



'Genres of Jazz' Concert

By Michael Dowd

In a fundraising partnership the 'Jazz Club of Sarasota' and the 'Art Center Sarasota' are hosting the 'Genres of Jazz' concert which will feature music made famous by artists such as Scott Joplin, Louis Armstrong, Benny Goodman, Charlie Parker, Thelonious Monk, Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra and John Coltrane.

Don Riddell and The HepCats, a sextet, will perform. Don on piano, a native of England and graduate of the Royal Academy of Music, performed with Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby, Johnny Mathis and many others. He led his own group in New York City for many years before moving to Venice, Florida.

The concert will be held on Thursday, February 25 from 6-8:00 p.m. at the 'Art Center Sarasota' in conjunction with the 'RED HOT, ROMANCE AND HUMOR' art

exhibition. The art center is located at 707 N. Tamiami Trail just south of the Bay Front Municipal Center where 'Jazz at 2' is held.

The price of admission is \$5.00 for members of both the Jazz Club and the Art Center. Non-members pay \$8.00.

The concept of a fundraising partnership between arts organizations is an innovative way to offset diminished grants during this difficult time. It is also a way to introduce the Jazz Club program to Art Center members and vice versa. To show your interest and support please consider attending the 'Genres of Jazz' concert on Thursday, February 25th at the 'Art Center Sarasota' from 6-8:00 p.m.



Jazz Club of Sarasota CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TIME/DATE	EVENT/LOCATION	ADMISSION
Fri., Jan. 29 2 p.m.	Jazz at Two w/Lillette Jenkins Bayfront Comm. Ctr., 803 N.Tamiami Tr.	Admission: \$10 Members: \$5
Sat., Jan. 30 9 a.m.-5 p.m.	High School Jazz Festival Sarasota High School auditorium	Admission: \$5
Fri., Feb. 5 2 p.m.	Jazz at Two w/Tommy Goodman Group Bayfront Comm. Ctr., 803 N.Tamiami Tr.	Admission: \$10 Members: \$5
Fri., Feb. 12 2 p.m.	Jazz at Two w/Al Hixon Bayfront Comm. Ctr., 803 N.Tamiami Tr.	Admission: \$10 Members: \$5
Mon., Feb. 15 8 p.m.	Winter Concert w/Cynthia Sayer Players Theatre, 838 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota Call 941-365-2494 for reservations	Tickets: \$15
Fri., Feb. 19 2 p.m.	Jazz at Two w/Eddie Tobin Trio Bayfront Comm. Ctr., 803 N.Tamiami Tr.	Admission: \$10 Members: \$5
Sun., Feb. 21 2 p.m.	Jazz at Two Sunday w/Lenny Wilson Quintet Glenridge Performing Arts Ctr., 7333 Scotland Way, Sarasota. Call 941-552-5325 for reservations	Admission: \$12.50 Members: \$7.50
Thurs. Feb. 25 6-8 pm.	'Genres of Jazz' Concert Art Center of Sarasota	Admission: \$8.00 Members: \$5.00
Fri., Feb. 26 2 p.m.	Jazz at Two w/Diane Linscott Bayfront Comm. Ctr., 803 N.Tamiami Tr.	Admission: \$10 Members: \$5

30th Annual Sarasota Jazz Festival

February 28 - March 6, 2010 (See pages 1-3 for further details)

Fri., Mar. 12 2 p.m.	Jazz at Two w/Ava Logan Bayfront Comm. Ctr., 803 N.Tamiami Tr.	Admission: \$10 Members: \$5
Sun., Mar. 14 2 p.m.	Jazz at Two Sunday w/Paulette Dozier Glenridge Performing Arts Ctr., 7333 Scotland Way, Sarasota. Call 941-552-5325 for reservations	Tickets: \$12.50 Members: \$7.50
Fri., Mar. 19 2 p.m.	Jazz at Two w/Jim Wellen Quartet Bayfront Comm. Ctr., 803 N.Tamiami Tr.	Admission: \$10 Members: \$5
Sat., Mar. 20 7:30 p.m.	Winter Concert w/Chuck Redd Holley Hall, 709 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota	Admission: \$25 Members: \$20
Fri., Mar. 26 2 p.m.	Jazz at Two w/Leslie DaCosta Quartet Bayfront Comm. Ctr., 803 N.Tamiami Tr.	Admission: \$10 Members: \$5
Fri., Apr. 2 2 p.m.	Jazz at Two w/Matt Gawlik Bayfront Comm. Ctr., 803 N.Tamiami Tr.	Admission: \$10 Members: \$5
Fri., Apr. 9 2 p.m.	Jazz at Two w/Don Riddell Quartet Bayfront Comm. Ctr., 803 N.Tamiami Tr.	Admission: \$10 Members: \$5
Fri., Apr. 16 2 p.m.	Jazz at Two w/Kenny Drew, Jr. Bayfront Comm. Ctr., 803 N.Tamiami Tr.	Admission: \$10 Members: \$5
Fri., Apr. 23 2 p.m.	Jazz at Two w/Katt Heffner Bayfront Comm. Ctr., 803 N.Tamiami Tr.	Admission: \$10 Members: \$5
Fri., Apr. 30 2 p.m.	Jazz at Two w/Bob Switzer Quartet Bayfront Comm. Ctr., 803 N.Tamiami Tr.	Admission: \$10 Members: \$5
Fri., May 7 2 p.m.	Jazz at Two w/Betty Comora Bayfront Comm. Ctr., 803 N.Tamiami Tr.	Admission: \$10 Members: \$5
Fri., May 14 2 p.m.	Jazz at Two w/Karen Benjey Trio Bayfront Comm. Ctr., 803 N.Tamiami Tr.	Admission: \$10 Members: \$5

All programs and events are subject to change.

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Club Mission:

To promote, preserve,
perform and educate people
about jazz, the original
American musical art form.



New Club Officers Installed

At the Annual Meeting January 8, 2010, Bill Beckman was installed as the new President of the Jazz Club. Bill, a Navy veteran, was in management in Michigan, primarily in nuclear energy. He also worked for non-profits while living there with his wife Eilene. They live most of the year in Venice but do journey back to their home in Michigan during the summer.

Frank Gooch is the new Executive Vice President of the Club. A Sarasota resident for many years, he is the former President

of the Rotary Club of Sarasota Bay. Frank is active in many activities in the area and has been involved in the High School Jazz Festival. Home for he and his wife Ellie was originally Maine, but they spent many years in California before coming to the area.

Gordon Garrett is now the Chairman of the Board after serving five years as President. He and wife Penny, high school classmates in Tennessee, will remain very active in the Club in his new role.

The Fourth Annual Sarasota Jazz Club Cruise

The Third Annual Sarasota Jazz Club Cruise with Crystal Cruise Lines included 50 members and friends for seven days cruising the Carribean. Jazz was heard nonstop each evening with the Duke Ellington Orchestra, the Eddie Tobin Trio and the Kitt Moran Trio. The next Jazz Club Cruise on Crystal Cruises will be December 11-20. Call Golden Anchor Travel (922-4070) for details.



NOTIFICATION:

The Club is continuously exploring opportunities to improve the concerts, festivals and other events and services it provides for the enjoyment of our members and guests. Our objective is to satisfy our members and increase the Club's appeal to prospective new members. To accomplish this, we are exploring the feasibility of obtaining additional information regarding the wants and needs of our members. One aspect of this activity would involve the use of a number of different methods to obtain, compile and analyze data about our membership. In light of this, we ask your cooperation in helping us, if you are requested to provide some input to this process.

No proprietary information will be sought, nor will any of it be shared with anyone other than those who have a need to know within the Club. We would appreciate your cooperation in the event this activity moves forward and you are asked to participate, whether it is by questionnaire, verbal input, or part of a focus group, etc.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation,
Joe Colella, Director





Nancy Roucher and Sandy Lightfoot

Sandy Lightfoot Retires; Sylvia Price New Office Manager

It is said that all good things must come to an end. For Sandy Lightfoot, Jazz Club office manager for 12 years, this is the case. Sandy was known as the person to call or e-mail with questions about the club. She outlasted several presidents and numerous board members. She will be greatly missed—she knew where all the bodies were buried! Everyone wishes her a well deserved retirement—just don't forget us Sandy, come to see us once in awhile.

The Club is fortunate to have a very strong manager as the new office manager, Sylvia Price. Sylvia has maintained a home for many years in the Sarasota area and has decided to come back permanently. Sylvia has had many responsible positions primarily in manufacturing operations management. She has an undergraduate degree from the University of South Florida and a MBA from the University of Miami. Sylvia has held positions locally including the United Way of Manatee County, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Manatee County Economic Development Council. We welcome Sylvia and look forward to working with her for many years.

A Review of Sarasota Resident Svend Asmussen's CD: *Makin' Whoopee!... and Music!*

By Joe Lang as published by the NJ Jazz Society.

There are not a lot of people who are still productive in their chosen fields at the age of 93. That kind of career longevity seems reserved mostly for jazz musicians. Most of them, if their health permits, seem to continue to pick up their axes until the Grim Reaper is close to make his appearance at their doors. Violinist SVEND ASMUSSEN has titled his new release *Makin' Whoopee! ... and Music!* (Arbors – 19390). The disc does not enlighten us on the whoopee aspect of the title, but if the musical energy that he demonstrates on the album is an indication of his general well being, then he is one happy Danish gentleman. Joined by two Florida jazz players, multi-instrumentalist Richard Drexler on bass, piano and organ, and Tony Martin on drums, plus Danish guitarist Jacob Fischer, he saunters hiply through a program of 16 tunes, including two of his originals “Fiddler in Rio” that brings Scandinavian sensitivity to the land of Brazil, and “Sermon for Stuff,” a tribute to another great jazz violinist “Stuff” Smith. The program is a diverse one that includes standards like the title tune that opens the album, “There Will Never Be Another You,” “You Brought a New Kind of Love to Me,” “The Nearness of You,” and “Skylark;” folk tunes like “Trubbel” and “Danny Boy;” and jazz classics like “Nuages” and “Things Ain't What They Used to Be.” Particularly moving is his exploration of “Just a Gigolo,” that captures the sadness of this song, even without the presence of the touching lyrics. With the arrival on the scene of a number of young jazz violinists like Aaron Weinstein, Sara Caswell and Jonathan Russell, it is nice that one of those who helped to define this instrument in a jazz setting is still making superb music.



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calendars!!**

Hearts for Haiti

*Details emerging as we
go to print so mark your
calendars now and
SAVE the DATE!!
You won't want to miss
this fabulous concert!!*

**PHILLIPPI CREEK
ESTATES PARK**

**February 14
12-5 pm**

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purifiers, etc. See
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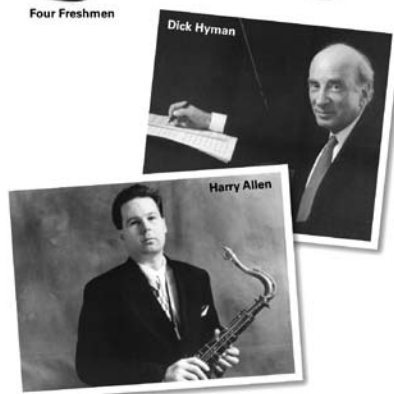
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musicians will be
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and there will also be
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money to help others as
you enjoy the music!!

COME CELEBRATE the 30th Annual Sarasota, FL Jazz Festival

February 28—March 6, 2010



Four Freshmen



The Schedule

- Feb 28 Jazz In the Park 12-5 pm
- March 1 Four Freshmen 8 pm*
- March 2 Violinist Doug Cameron Quartet 8pm*
- March 3 Greg Nielsen Band 3pm*
- March 3 Jazz Trolley 6:30-10:30 pm
- March 4 Harry Allen Quartet 8 pm*
- March 5 Dick Hyman-Peter Appleyard 8pm*
- March 6 Youth Jazz Night 8pm*

*Sarasota Players Theater
(For reservations call 941-365-2494)

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