



The name says it all...

Just Jazz

January 2012

Hi Friends & Happy New Year –

Wow, is that **Newt Gingrich** guy really something, or what? I mean, he's accomplished more in one lifetime than any three geniuses you could name.

He told Fox News: "I helped Ronald Reagan and Jack Kemp develop supply-side economics. I helped lead the effort to defeat communism in the Congress. I helped as Speaker of the House balance the federal budget for four straight years, reform welfare as an entitlement. I've flown around the world in a plane. I've settled revolutions in Spain. The North Pole I have charted..." OK I admit, I made up the last half of that— actually Ira Gershwin made it up — but hey, Gingrich made up the first half. And to hear him tell it, he's done everything but invent gravy. (Although from the looks of him, maybe that's one thing he really did do.)

Over the years Gingrich has been compared to — let me put that more accurately, *has compared himself to* — Moses, William Wallace, the Duke of Wellington, Charles de Gaulle, Ronald Reagan, and Margaret Thatcher (who was really just Reagan in drag). To me, he's more like **Baron Munchausen**.

Last month MSNBC host Chris Mathews, with whom I don't always agree, nailed the whole Republican primary thing, calling it a choice between a guy who looks like a stiff (Moot, I mean *Mitt Romney*) and a guy who looks like an SOB (Newt). In this case, looks *are not* deceiving.

Stay cool and keep list'nin',
Bob

Don't miss my annual "The Year in Jazz" special, featuring my "Just Jazz Best CDs of 2011" list, music by all my 2011 "Artists of the Month," and tributes to the greats of jazz who left us in the past year — **New Year's Night at 10:00 p.m.**, Eastern Time (US).

Just Jazz is heard every Sunday from 10:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. Eastern Time (US) over 91.9 WNTI-FM and streams live at wnti.org. **Just Jazz Presents with Bob Bernotas** is heard every Saturday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. & p.m. and Tuesday from 11:00 p.m. to midnight, Eastern Time (US), on the Internet at Pure Jazz Radio.



Just Jazz Artist of the Month
singer [Bill Henderson](#)

Just Jazz Presents... Features

- 1/1: **2011: The Year in Jazz** (starting at 10:00 p.m.)
- 1/8: *The Best of Just Jazz*
- 1/15: Trombone Hour
- 1/22: Latin Jazz Hour
- 1/29: Big Band Hour

"Just Jazz Presents..." is heard Sundays, midnight-1:00a.m. during **Just Jazz @ wnti.org**

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- 1/7 & 10: Johnny Hodges
- 1/14 & 17: The Great Basie Soloists of the 1950s
- 1/21 & 24: Jack Teagarden
- 1/28 & 31: Clark Terry

Saturdays 9:00-10:00 a.m. & p.m. & Tuesdays 11:00 p.m. –midnight @ Pure Jazz Radio

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

I have learned many things from Irving Berlin, but the most precious lesson has been that ragtime — or jazz, as its more developed state was later called — was the only musical idiom in existence that could aptly express America.
— composer **George Gershwin**

If a man, in a lifetime of 50 years, can point to six songs that are immediately identifiable, he has achieved something. Irving Berlin can sing 60 that are immediately identifiable. Somebody once said you couldn't have a holiday without his permission.
— lyricist **Sammy Cahn**

Recommended Internet Jazz Radio

Pure Jazz Radio: a 24-7-365 celebration of jazz, featuring the "Founding Fathers," the "Keepers of the Flame," and everyone in between (including "[Just Jazz Presents with Bob Bernotas](#)").

groovebone.org: All jazz trombone, all the time, produced and programmed by trombonist Dave Dickey.
Free CD contests and great T-shirts!

Jazz Spotlight on Sinatra: Nancy Barell presents Sinatra's music through the decades, as well as jazz instrumentalists and singers who recorded songs Sinatra performed, plus other great standards.

wemu.org: Jazz and blues from Eastern Michigan University. Linda Yohn starts your day with three and a half hours of great music every Mon.-Fri., 9:00-12:30 (Eastern Time).

NEW & RECOMMENDED CDS

Duduka Da Fonseca: The Duduka Da Fonseca Trio Plays Toninho Horta (Zoho): Brazilian drummer Duduka Da Fonseca's Rio-based trio has crafted a fitting tribute to one of his country's most gifted songwriters and performers. Joined by pianist David Feldman and bassist Guto Wirtti, Fonseca offers nine Toninho Horta compositions in what was easily one of the best new jazz CDs of 2011.

Laura Dreyer: Free Flying Bird (Sony Music Latin): In this delightful release, saxophonist-flutist Laura Dreyer captures the feel and flavor, the very essence, of her specialty, Brazilian jazz. An accomplished and varied ensemble skillfully performs eight of Dreyer's own compositions, plus one by the eminent Brazilian master, Egberto Gismonti.

Kenny Shanker: Steppin' Up (Posi-tone): This new quintet CD by alto saxophonist Kenny Shanker showcases his bright tone, imaginative improvisations, and formidable writing talents. Shanker's nine original compositions are appealing and memorable on this thoroughly enjoyable debut release that promises many more fine things to come.

Joan Stiles: Three Musicians (Oo-Bla-Dee): With insight, intuition, and interplay pianist Joan Stiles, saxophonist Joel Frahm, and drummer Matt Wilson have created quirky and evocative treatments of standards, show tunes, and originals. Especially engaging are such visually-inspired "combines" as "In Sunshine of My Funny Valentine's Love," Stiles' clever "collage" of themes by Rodgers, Clapton, and Bach.

UPCOMING JAZZ EVENTS

"Jazz in January" @ The Lackland Center Centenary College, 715 Grand Ave., Hackettstown, NJ
All concerts start at 4:00 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 14: singer Denise King Sextet
\$22.50 in advance / \$27.50 at the door / \$17.50 18 years & under

Sat., Jan. 21: Diva Jazz Orchestra & Maurice Hines
\$30 in advance / \$35 at the door / \$25 18 years & under

Sat., Jan. 28: "All-Star Jazz Jam": Robin Eubanks, trombone; Jerry Weldon, tenor saxophone; Warren Wolf, vibes; Jesse Green, piano; Rufus Reid, bass; Dennis Mackrel, drums
\$22.50 in advance / \$27.50 at the door / \$17.50 18 years & under

All three concerts: \$70 in advance

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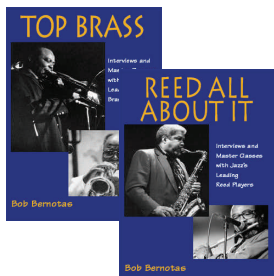
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LOCAL JAZZ VENUES

Café Baci (@ Mama's Restaurant)
260 Mountain Ave., Hackettstown, NJ; 3rd Fri. of the month, 7:00-10:00; 908-852-2820
Mama's Restaurant/Café Baci is an underwriter of WNTI and Just Jazz.

The Deer Head Inn
Main St., Delaware Water Gap, PA
Thurs., 8:00-11:00; Fri. & Sat., 7:00-11:00; Sun. 5:00-8:00
570-424-2000

Shanghai Jazz Restaurant & Bar
24 Main St., Madison, NJ
Tues.-Sun.; 973-822-2899

ATTENTION LOCAL JAZZ ARTISTS!

If you've got an upcoming gig or performance in the NW New Jersey-NE Pennsylvania region, you can add it to the WNTI website's Events Calendar. Just click [here](#) and follow the instructions and submission guidelines. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR INFO AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE. Email questions to: evets@wnti.org.

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