



The name says it all...

Just Jazz

January 2009

Hi Friends –

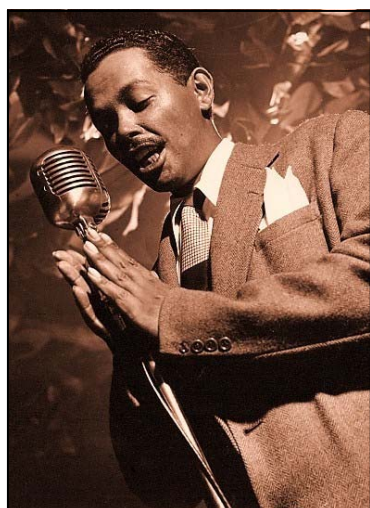
The Hall of Fame catcher Yogi Berra once told a teammate, who suggested they eat at a popular restaurant, “Nobody goes there anymore. It’s too crowded.” With that in mind I’m introducing a new gimmick – I mean *feature* – for 2009: [The Just Jazz Classic Recording of the Week](#).

Each week after the 11:30 break I’ll play one of those classic jazz sides that nobody plays anymore because *everybody* plays them. You know the ones I mean, those recordings that introduced you to a particular artist or maybe even to jazz in general, that had a profound and lasting impact on you as a jazz listener and, perhaps, on the overall development of the music. Plus, this gives me another chance to express my opinion about something, and you all know how much I like doing that.

On another note, [Quincy Jones](#) has proposed that the incoming president appoint a national [Secretary for the Arts](#), and I agree with Q (and not only because I’d like the gig). If you also agree, click [here](#) and sign the online petition.

Wishing you all health, happiness, great music, and – most of all – *peace* in 2009,
Bob

Just Jazz with Bob Bernotas can be heard every Sunday night from 10:00 pm to 3:00 am Eastern Time (US) over 91.9 WNTI-FM and streaming live at [wnti.org](#).



[Weekly Just Jazz Presents... Features: Midnight -1:00 a.m.](#)

- 1/4: singer Billy Eckstine
(**January Just Jazz Artist of the Month**)
- 1/11: Trombone Hour
- 1/18: Latin Jazz Hour
- 1/25: Big Band Hour

IT'S ALMOST HERE: My cool new website @ [jazzcorner.com](#), with lots of great stuff – articles, reviews, downloads, photos, links, and more.

Quote of the Month: Eartha Kitt (1927-2008)

Generally the whole entertainment business now is bland. It depends so much on gadgetry and flash now. You don't have to have talent to be in the business today. I think we had to have something to offer, if you wanted to be recognized as worth paying for. [1996]

C'est si bon!

[Recommended Internet Jazz Radio](#)

[groovebone.org](#): All jazz trombone, all the time, produced and programmed by trombonist Dave Dickey. *Free CD contests and great T-shirts, too!* ([davedickey.com](#))

Jazz Spotlight on Sinatra, produced and presented by Nancy Barell, features Sinatra songs through the decades, as well as jazz instrumentalists and singers who recorded songs Sinatra performed, plus other great standards:
[live365.com/stations/nancyann3839](#)

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

NEW & RECOMMENDED CDS

Don Braden: *Gentle Storm* (High Note): On this late 2008 release, tenor saxophonist Don Braden offers, as he always does, the best of modern mainstream jazz. Along with the usual mix of standards and originals Don adds a new twist, with his hip interpretations of the vintage pop hits “This Masquerade” and “Never Can Say Goodbye.”

Marc Copland: *New York Trio Recordings, Volume 3: Night Whispers* (Pirouet): For this latest entry in his series of brilliant trio recordings, pianist-composer Marc Copland is joined by bassist Drew Gress and drummer Bill Stewart, who also contribute original compositions. A special treat are Marc’s three solo takes of the Johnny Mandel movie theme, “Emily.”

Lauren Sevia: *Blueprint* (Inner Circle Music): For the past few years Lauren Sevia has been a “rising star” on the New York jazz scene, particularly in her role as the baritone saxophonist in the Mingus Big Band. Lauren’s debut CD, filled with original compositions performed by a stellar quartet, is further proof that she is becoming an important voice on her instrument.

Gary Smulyan: *High Noon: The Jazz Soul of Frankie Laine* (Reservoir Music): From the late 1940s well into the 1960s, Frankie Laine was one of America’s most popular singing stars. Now baritone saxophonist Gary Smulyan and an all-star octet reveal the jazz side of Laine and his music through arranger Mark Masters’ ingenious recastings of ten Laine favorites — including seven songs written or co-written by the singer himself.

AREA JAZZ EVENTS

“Jazz in January” @ The Dome (Whitney Chapel)
Centenary College, 400 Jefferson St., Hackettstown, NJ
Sat., January 10: singer [Bobby Caldwell](#) & a 17-piece big band: Sinatra-style vocals to Nelson Riddle arrangements
* Tickets (*this concert only*): \$35 / \$27.50 (18 & under)

Sat., January 17: tenor saxophonist [Houston Person](#)
Sat., January 24: **All-Star Septet**: Dennis Jeter, trumpet & vocals; John Jensen, trombone; Nelson Hill, alto saxophone & flute; Lisa Parrott, baritone saxophone; Jesse Green, piano; Evan Gregor, bass; Daniel Gonzalez, drums
* Tickets (*for these two concerts*): \$22.50 / \$17.50 (18 & under)

For all three concerts: \$75 / \$55 (18 & under)
All concerts start at 8:00 p.m.
These concerts sell out quickly, so get your tickets now!
Purchase tickets [online](#) or call 908-979-0900/908-637-6455

Sat., January 17, 8:00: South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange, NJ
tenor saxophonist [Joshua Redman](#) trio \$38 / \$28
Purchase tickets [online](#) or call 973-313-ARTS

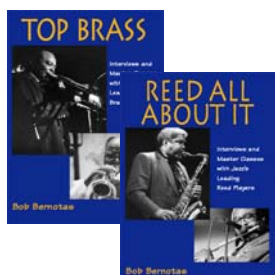
Sat., January 31, 8:00: Lafayette College, Williams Center for the Arts, Easton, PA
Jazz Masters Series: pianists [Mulgrew Miller](#) & [Kenny Barron](#) \$28; box office: 610-330-5009

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LOCAL JAZZ VENUES

Café Baci (@ Mama’s Restaurant, 260 Mountain Ave., Hackettstown, NJ): Jazz 7:00-10:00, 3rd Fri. of every month.
908-852-2820/2821
Mama’s Restaurant/Café Baci is an underwriter of WNTI and Just Jazz.

The Deer Head Inn (Main St./PA Rt. 611, Delaware Water Gap, PA): Jazz every Thurs., 8:00-11:00; Fri. & Sat., 7:00-11:00; Sun. 5:00-8:00. 570-424-2000

Papillon25 (25 Valley St., South Orange, NJ): Jazz every Thurs., 8:00-11:30. 973-761-5299

Shanghai Jazz Restaurant & Bar (24 Main St., Madison, NJ): Jazz every Tues.-Sun. 973-822-2899

Walpack Inn (Rt. 615, Walpack Center, NJ 07881): Jazz every Fri., 8:00-10:00. 973-948-3890

ATTENTION LOCAL JAZZ ARTISTS!

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