



The name says it all...

Just Jazz

January 2010

Hi Friends & Happy New Year –

News Item #1:

An angry purist attending the Sigüenza Jazz Festival in Spain called the police to protest the appearance of a group that he felt was not “jazzy” enough, the *Guardian* of London reported on December 9. “The gentleman said this was not jazz and that he wanted his money back,” the festival’s director explained. He claimed that his doctor had told him that it was “psychologically inadvisable” for him to listen to anything that could be mistaken for mere contemporary music. The Civil Guard showed up, armed, and passed the complaint along to a judge.

News Item #2:

On December 12 the *New York Times* announced that an expanded lineup of pop and rock performers including Pearl Jam, Drake, My Morning Jacket, Van Morrison, Lionel Richie, the Allman Brothers Band, Widespread Panic, and the Black Crowes will be appearing at the 2010 New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, to be held there from April 23 to April 25 and April 29 through May 2.

Related stories? A trend? You decide. But just in case you happen to be in New Orleans this spring for that “jazz” festival thing, the phone number for “911” is...uh... 9-1-1.

Stay cool and keep list’nin’,
Bob

Great news! Count Basie, Les Paul, and baseball great Larry Doby all have been elected for 2010 induction in the [New Jersey Hall of Fame](#). Many thanks to those of you who voted!

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](#).

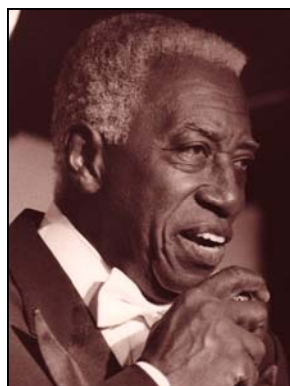


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Just Jazz Presents... Features:

- 1/3: singer **Joe Williams** (January Artist of the Month)
- 1/10: Trombone Hour
- 1/17: composer-arranger-bandleader **Gerald Wilson**
- 1/24: Latin Jazz Hour
- 1/31: Big Band Hour

“Just Jazz Presents...” is heard every Sunday, midnight-1:00, during *Just Jazz* @ [wnti.org](#)

Just Jazz Presents with Bob Bernotas:

- 1/2 & 1/5 : trumpeter Lee Morgan
- 1/9 & 1/12: percussionist-bandleader Tito Puente
- 1/16 & 1/19: tenor saxophonist Illinois Jacquet
- 1/23 & 1/26: tenor saxophonist Joe Henderson
- 1/30 & 2/2: tenor saxophonist Coleman Hawkins

Saturdays 9:00-10:00 a.m. & p.m.
Tuesdays 11:00 p.m. –midnight @ [Pure Jazz Radio](#)

Quote of the Month:

The private lives of scientists may be strangely and even comically mixed up, but not in ways that have any special bearing on the nature and quality of their work. If a scientist were to cut off an ear, no one would interpret such an action as evidence of an unhappy torment of creativity; nor will a scientist be excused any bizzarerie, however extravagant, on the grounds that he is a scientist, however brilliant.

— Peter Medawar

(Funny isn't it, how differently we “understand” scientists and artists?)

Recommended Internet Jazz Radio

[Pure Jazz Radio](#): a 24-7-365 celebration of jazz, featuring the “Founding Fathers,” the current “Keepers of the Flame,” and everyone in between.

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

[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. *WEMU's longtime morning host Linda Yohn is on medical leave, recuperating from major surgery. I know that all my listeners and readers wish Linda nothing but the best, and hope that she'll be back on the air before long.*

NEW & RECOMMENDED CDS

Roni Ben-Hur: Fortuna (Motema): Along with his authoritative straight-ahead playing, the gifted guitarist Roni Ben-Hur displays his affinity for the music of Antonio Carlos Jobim and rarely played show tunes. Ben-Hur is joined on this 2007 session by a stellar group: pianist Ronnie Mathews, bassist Rufus Reid, drummer Lewis Nash, and percussionist Steve Kroon.

Bill Mays: Mays at the Movies (Steeplechase): On his latest trio CD Bill Mays, one of the most highly respected keyboard artists on today’s jazz scene, explores classic movie themes by Mancini, Mandel, Legrand, and more, plus one original composition. Mays’ insightful and refreshing treatments uncover previously hidden aspects of this familiar material.

Rickey Woodard: Pineapple Delight (Wood and Wood): Tenor saxophonist Rickey Woodard, a veteran of the Ray Charles and Clayton-Hamilton big bands, and his quintet have produced a superb album of state-of-the-art hard bop — timeless, upbeat, and ever-swinging. Woodard’s compositions are sunny and tuneful, and his playing exudes strength and confidence.

And an essential reissue: Philly Joe Jones Dameronia: Look, Stop and Listen Featuring Johnny Griffin (Uptown): In 1982 drummer Philly Joe Jones formed Dameronia, a band dedicated to preserving the legacy of the visionary composer-arranger, Tadd Dameron. Dameronia’s second album, now remastered (by Rudy van Gelder) and reissued on CD, is required listening for *anyone* interested in Tadd Dameron’s singularly beautiful music — and that should be *everyone*.
[Click here](#) to read my liner notes to *Look, Stop and Listen Featuring Johnny Griffin*.

AREA JAZZ EVENTS

“Jazz in January” @ The Dome (Whitney Chapel)
Centenary College, 400 Jefferson St., Hackettstown, NJ

Sat., January 16: **Manhattan Symphony Jazz Orchestra**: 17-piece big band directed by drummer-arranger **Dennis Mackrel**

Sat., January 23: **String of Pearls**: jazz vocal trio + horns
***Tickets** (these two concerts): in advance \$25 / \$15 (18 yrs. & under); at the door \$30 / \$20 (18 yrs. & under)

Sat., January 30: **bassist Jay Leonhart All-Star Sextet**
***Tickets** (this concert only): in advance \$23 / \$15 (18 yrs. & under); at the door \$28 / \$20 (18 yrs. & under)

For all three concerts: \$65
Concerts start at 8:00 p.m. **Tickets on sale now!**: [online](#);
box office: 908-979-0900 / 908-637-6455

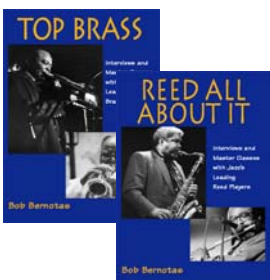
Sat., January 23, 8:00: **New York Repertory Big Band with Brazilian jazz singer Kenia**: music by Antonio Carlos Jobim, Ivan Lins, Hermeto Pascoal, and Sergio Mendes \$18
[Zoellner Arts Center](#), Baker Hall, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA
box office: 670-758-2787

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LOCAL JAZZ VENUES

Café Baci (@ Mama’s Restaurant)
260 Mountain Ave., Hackettstown, NJ; Jazz: 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./PA Rt. 611, Delaware Water Gap, PA
Jazz: 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
Jazz: 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 any questions to [events@wnti.org](#)

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