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Just Jazz

February 2009

Hi Friends —

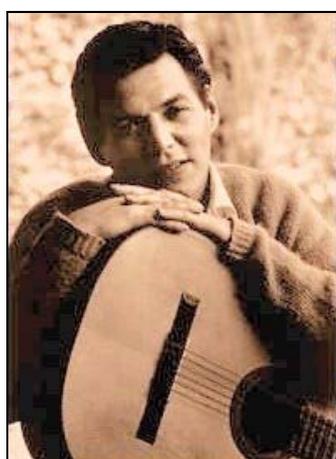
For February I'm doing something a bit different with my "Just Jazz Artist of the Month." For the first time I'm featuring someone who is known *primarily* as a composer, rather than a performer — the great Brazilian music maker, [Antonio Carlos Jobim](#). Of course, Jobim did record and perform publicly as a singer and guitarist (and occasionally as a pianist), but his true contribution to the music world was as the writer of scores of unforgettable melodies, so many of which have become jazz standards. So all month I'll be playing recordings of Jobim's music by a wide range of jazz artists — as well as some of his own versions.

Capping off the month will be my annual *Just Jazz Carnaval Special* on February 22. ("Carnaval" — that's the Brazilian festival that makes Mardi Gras look like a Baptist church picnic.) On that night I'll be presenting five full hours of Brazilian jazz. I do hope you will tune in.

On another note: it's pretty cool having a new president and the whole inauguration deal was kind of festive. And I really didn't mind Springsteen and Beyoncé — or was it Shakira? (I never can keep those one-name pop singers straight) — and that John Camp Cougarmelon guy performing at the Sunday pre-inaug mega-concert. *But was there any jazz?* And before the swearing in there was that insipid chamber piece "composed" by one of Hollywood's most successful hacks ("inspired" by Aaron Copland). Of course, Jimmy Heath or Benny Golson or Maria Schneider would have created something hip, interesting, and *original*, if only one of them had been asked. *If only.*

Stay cool and keep list'nin',
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.

- 2/1: composer-singer-guitarist **Antonio Carlos Jobim** (**February Just Jazz Artist of the Month**)
- 2/8: Singers Hour
- 2/15: Trombone Hour
- 2/22: **The Just Jazz Carnaval Special**



IT'S ALMOST HERE (really, I mean it this time): My cool new website @ [jazzcorner.com](#), with lots of great stuff — articles, reviews, photos, downloads, links, & more.

Quotes of the Month

It is the best of all trades to make songs, and the second best to sing them.

— **essayist Hilaire Belloc**

Now, you ask which comes first, the words or the music? I'll tell you which — *the money!* Or the phone call — or the request!

— **songwriter Sammy Cahn**

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

Clifton Anderson: Decade (Doxy): Trombonist — and long-time Sonny Rollins sideman — Clifton Anderson gets a long-deserved chance to step out front for a change. Throughout this fine mix of standards and originals he is supported by a pair of stellar rhythm sections (Larry Willis, Bob Cranshaw, and Al Foster; Stephen Scott, Christian McBride, and Steve Jordan), and joined on two tracks by alto saxophonist Kenny Garrett.

Benny Golson: New Time, New 'Tet (Concord Jazz): In his first new recording in five years, tenor saxophonist-composer Benny Golson revives his classic Jazztet format. This is "thinking person's hard bop" *à la* Golson, combining lyricism with funk, brimming with intelligence and wit, as delivered by this jazz master and his all-star ensemble (trumpeter Eddie Henderson, trombonist Steve Davis, pianist Mike LeDonne, bassist Buster Williams, drummer Carl Allen).

Bill Henderson: Beautiful Memory (Ahuh): A new release by singer Bill Henderson — recorded in 2007 on his 81st birthday — should be anyone's idea of good news. No empty mannerisms or "actor's studio" tricks, all Henderson needs, as he revisits some of his favorite songs, is his appealing voice, easy sense of swing, and artistic integrity. Every jazz singer alive can and should take a lesson from the way Bill Henderson makes it all *seem* so easy.

Roberto Occhipinti: A Bend in the River (Alma): On three of the seven tracks in this ambitious project, Canadian bassist-composer Roberto Occhipinti and three brilliant Cuban musicians — alto saxophonist Luis Deniz, pianist David Virelles, drummer Dafnis Prieto — are supported by a string quartet plus winds. Three others add a forty-piece string orchestra from Moscow. All of them offer a thoughtful, fluid blend of jazz, classical, and world music.

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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

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