



The name says it all...

Just Jazz

March 2011

Hi Friends –

Last year marked the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of pianist, composer, and arranger [Mary Lou Williams](#). Her writing gave an identity to one of the best bands of the Swing Era, Andy Kirk and His Clouds of Joy. Her work also distinguished the repertoires of Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Earl Hines, Jimmie Lunceford, Dizzy Gillespie, and even Duke Ellington. She composed many major works. She mentored Bud Powell, Thelonious Monk, Tadd Dameron, and Dizzy Gillespie at the dawn of their careers. And she was the most important female musician in jazz's first three decades.

My good friend, saxophonist [Virginia Mayhew](#), is now in the final stages of a new recording project, [Mary Lou Williams: The Next Hundred Years](#). This CD features a stellar ensemble – Ed Cherry on guitar, Harvie S on bass, Andy Watson on drums, and special guest Wycliffe Gordon on trombone – and includes eight of Mary Lou's compositions, plus two original works inspired by her music. Virginia is producing the CD entirely on her own and needs help so she can finish and release what, I am certain, will be one of the best CDs of this, or any, year.

You can click [here](#) for more information about Virginia Mayhew's [Mary Lou Williams: The Next Hundred Years](#). And please click [here](#) to help Virginia complete this creative and important project. Thanks very much.

Stay cool and keep list'nin',
Bob

[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 Artist of the Month singer-lyricist Jon Hendricks
(starting March 13)

Just Jazz Presents... Features
3/6 : [The Best of Just Jazz](#)
3/13: Trombone Hour
3/20: Latin Jazz Hour
3/27: Keyboard Hour

"Just Jazz Presents..." is heard Sundays, midnight-1:00a.m. during Just Jazz @ [wnti.org](#)

Just Jazz Presents with Bob Bernotas
3/5 & 8: The Music of Antonio Carlos Jobim
3/12 & 15: Quincy Jones
3/19 & 22: Art Farmer
3/26 & 29: Rahsaan Roland Kirk

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

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

Don't give notes – give the meaning of the notes!
– **Pablo Casals, cellist**

Sinatra had heard other singers, even very good ones, take a breath in the middle of a phrase, and he thought it sounded lousy. ... Most of those guys – even the very good ones – never sounded as if they felt what they were singing, as if they really believed it. Singing the phrase straight through showed he really understood, and meant, the words.

– **James Kaplan, Frank**

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. Now available on iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, some BlackBerrys, Windows Mobile 4/5, Nokia S60. **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

Manuel Alvarez: Lined with a Groove: A Tribute to Ray Brown ([Temps Record](#)): Bassist Manuel Alvarez and his colleagues (pianist Gerald Nieto, drummer Jean Pierre Derouard) recall the cohesive spirit and solid swing of the Oscar Peterson Trio. And that is most appropriate, since this tuneful CD is a loving homage to Peterson's longtime collaborator, and Alvarez's musical inspiration, the great bassist Ray Brown.

Mike DiRubbo: Chronos ([Posi-Tone](#)): Mike DiRubbo's previous release matched his alto saxophone with vibes in a pianoless quartet. His latest CD takes a different, but equally intriguing, track. Joined by organist Brian Charette and drummer Rudy Royston, DiRubbo presents a program of nine original compositions (by himself and Charette) that moves the familiar organ trio format creatively forward.

Jovino Santos Neto: Veja o Son/See the Sound ([Adventure Music](#)): This one-of-a-kind project features the accomplished Brazilian pianist Jovino Santos Neto in a series of duets with a broad array of American and Latin American artists. Covering two CDs, these stimulating performances find Neto in the company of such renowned talents as David Sanchez, Paquito D'Rivera, Bill Frisell, Airto Moreira, Joe Locke, João Donato, Vitor Santos, and thirteen others.

Martin Wind: Get It? ([Laika](#)): Bassist Martin Wind leads his working quartet (Scott Robinson on tenor saxophone, clarinet, and trumpet; Bill Cunliffe, piano; Tim Horner, drums) through a diverse program of originals and jazz near-standards. As usual, Wind's rich bass timbre, formidable chops, and deep improvisator's imagination are on full display, but there also is something new here — he makes his formidable recording debut on the cello.

AREA JAZZ EVENTS

Tues., March 8, 8:00: Jazz Masters Series
pianist Kenny Werner Quintet (Randy Brecker, trumpet; David Sanchez, tenor saxophone; Scott Colley, bass; Antonio Sanchez, drums)
Williams Center for the Arts, Lafayette College, Easton, PA
\$20; 610-330-5009

Tues., March 15, 7:30: Jazz 'n the Hall
The Seton Hall University Jazz Ensemble: Musicians from the Seton Hall faculty, plus guest artists.
[SOPAC](#), One SOPAC Way, South Orange, NJ
FREE!; 973-313-ARTS

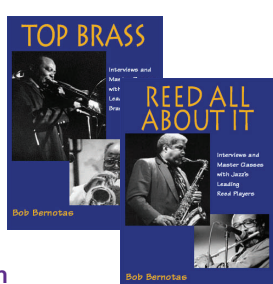
Sun., March 20, 4:00: Jazz in the Black Box
bassist Jennifer Leitham Trio (John Colianni, piano; Sherrie Maricle, drums)
The Kutz Theatre @ The Lackland Center
Centenary College, Hackettstown, NJ
\$15 in advance / \$20 at the door; 908-979-0900

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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./Rt. 611, 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!

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