



The name says it all...

Just Jazz

April 2012

Hi Friends –

Do you hate the phrase “let’s agree to disagree” as much as I do? What does it mean? Why do people say it?

To me it means, simply, “I know I’m losing this argument so I better end it now and change the subject before I’m made to look and feel even more foolish than I already do.” After all, if you are committed to your beliefs and secure in your ability to defend them, why should you yield? Why should you admit that the other side may “have a point,” when, in your heart, you *know* they don’t? Face it, “let’s agree to disagree” is a strategy of weakness, a cowardly retreat.

There are many issues, many subjects – some vital, some merely interesting, some important only to those who find them important – where there is no middle ground nor room for compromise. (Someone should explain this to the president.) So stand up and speak up for what you feel is right and when your opponents offer to “agree to disagree,” don’t. That’s when you know you’ve got them against the ropes and they’re about to hit the canvas.

You agree, don’t you? No? *Really?* Well then let’s discuss, debate, or even argue it. **But “agree to disagree?” Never. Where’s the fun in that?**

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 at 9:00 a.m. & 9:00 p.m., Tuesday at 11:00 p.m., and Wednesday at 3:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time (US) on the Internet at Pure Jazz Radio.



Just Jazz Artist of the Month
pianist Hank Jones

Just Jazz Presents... Features

- 4/1: Latin Jazz Hour
- 4/8: Keyboard Hour
- 4/15: Big Band Hour
- 4/22: *The Best of Just Jazz*
- 4/29: Singers Hour

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

Just Jazz Presents with Bob Bernotas

- 3/31, 4/3 & 4: Sarah Vaughan
- 4/7, 10 & 11: J.J. Johnson
- 4/14, 17 & 18: Milt Jackson
- 4/21, 24 & 25: Charles Mingus
- 4/28, 5/1 & 2: Jon Hendricks

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.
Tuesdays 11:00 p.m.
Wednesdays 3:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
[@ Pure Jazz Radio](http://Pure Jazz Radio)

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

I always find difficult people easy to get along with. I only find glad-Harrys difficult and vacuous. Nice guys are difficult. It’s because they’re a bunch of empty-heads, that’s why they’re nice guys! They pretend to be nice guys, but it’s a disguise. They’re not nice. They’re vicious, vindictive people who try to make sure anything good hasn’t got a chance!

– composer Bernard Herrmann

MORE GREAT WNTI SHOWS FOR JUST JAZZ LISTENERS

Every Sunday **The Golden Gup & Lulu** host *four hours* of excellent programs:

- 10:00-11:00: On the Dance Floor:** the music of the big bands and the great popular singers of yesterday
- 11:00-noon: The Sinatra Hour:** ’nuf said! [*heard on radio only*]
- noon-2:00: The Happy Foot Request Party:** swing, jump, jive, rhythm & blues, and rock & roll from the ’50s & ’60s

Then stay tuned for **Uncle Pete’s Blues Party**, hosted by **Peter Hoff**, from **2:00 to 4:00**.

It’s one swingin’ six-hour party, **Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Eastern Time (US), on 91.9 WNTI & wnti.org

NEW & RECOMMENDED CDS

Amy Cervini: Digging Me Digging You (Anzic): Singer Amy Cervini leafs confidently through the Blossom Dearie Songbook in this affectionate tribute to one of jazz’s most unique and delightful voices. With her pleasant, breezy manner, Cervini is the perfect choice to deliver this package of cute and clever tunes associated with “the Cheery Ms. Dearie.”

John di Martino: Turnaround (Kilamanjaro Disques): Pianist John di Martino’s trio recordings always satisfy and never disappoint. This time, supported by bassist Boris Kozlov and drummer Alvin Atkinson, di Martino takes a fresh and individual look at standards (by Cole Porter, Richard Rodgers, Alec Wilder, and more), jazz classics (by Billy Strayhorn, Ornette Coleman, and Eddie Harris), and even pop à la Stevie Wonder.

Gary Smulyan: Smul’s Paradise (Capri): Baritone saxophone and Hammond organ is not a combination heard very often in jazz, but this swinging new quartet release by baritone master Gary Smulyan, with Mike LeDonne on organ, certainly will have you wondering, “Why not?” Guitarist Peter Bernstein and drummer Kenny Washington — two more of the best around — help them cut a deep and inviting straight-ahead groove.

Steve Turre: Woody’s Delight (High Note): Trombonist Steve Turre pays homage to a former mentor and leader, trumpeter Woody Shaw, in a solid set featuring, on different tracks, some of jazz’s most eminent trumpeters: Jon Faddis, Wallace Roney, Claudio Roditi, “Chocolate” Armenteros, and Freddie Hendrix. Instead of merely replaying Shaw’s repertoire, Turre showcases the many sides of his friend’s art with eight original compositions, plus one by Roditi.

UPCOMING JAZZ EVENTS

Wed., April 11, 7:30: COTA Jazz Scholastic Swing

The music of Al Cohn with the COTA Festival Orchestra and the Stroudsburg Area School District, East Stroudsburg South, and Quakertown High School Bands, featuring special guest artist alto saxophonist “**Blue Lou**” **Marini**

Sherman Theater, 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, PA \$10; 547-420-2808

Sat., April 14, 8:00: LU Jazz Ensemble, Band & Combo

Bill Warfield, director: Lehigh student groups play contemporary and classic jazz
Zoellner Arts Center, Baker Hall, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA \$15; 670-758-2787

Friday April 27, 8:00: pianist Brad Meldau & saxophonist Joshua Redman

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., Morristown, NJ \$47-\$67; 973-539-8008

Friday April 27, 8:30: flutist Ali Ryerson quintet

with special guests bassist **Mark Egan** & drummer **Karl Latham**
Historic Blainstown Theatre, 30 Main St., Blainstown, NJ \$20; 908-362-1399

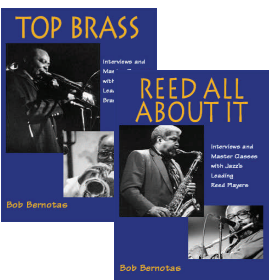
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RECOMMENDED INTERNET JAZZ RADIO

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, plus jazz instrumentalists and singers who recorded songs Sinatra performed, and other great standards.

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

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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