



The name says it all...

# Just Jazz

October 2009

Hi Friends –

Trumpeter [Valery Ponomarev](#) had a dream: to play with Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers. Of course, scores of jazz musicians have had that same dream, and some actually got to live it. But Valery lived in Soviet Russia, where playing jazz was discouraged and emigration was virtually impossible.

How he managed to leave his homeland and join the Jazz Messengers – a tale combining international politics, a forged visa, the odd workings of Soviet bureaucracy, and his own cunning and courage – is the theme of Valery's fascinating new memoir, *On the Flip Side of Sound*. A keen and perceptive observer of people and life, Valery employs rich language and vivid detail to recount his compelling musical and personal odyssey. There are few – if any – books like this one.

Valery Ponomarev's story is electrifying and inspiring. Most of all it's living proof that dedication to truth and beauty can and must triumph over artificially imposed impediments. Every jazz lover should read *On the Flip Side of Sound* by Valery Ponomarev. Click [here](#) to buy it now!

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. Eastern Time (US) on the Internet at [Pure Jazz Radio](#).



### Just Jazz Presents... Features:

- 10/4: tenor saxophonist **Ben Webster** (October Artist of the Month)
- 10/11: **Laura: But She's Only a Dream** (click [here](#) for info about this special feature)
- 10/18: Latin Jazz Hour
- 10/25: Big Band Hour

Sundays during *Just Jazz* Midnight -1:00 a.m. @ [wnti.org](#)

### Just Jazz Presents with Bob Bernotas:

- 10/3: Songs of Autumn
- 10/10: The Great Count Basie Soloists of the 1950s
- 10/17: tenor saxophonist Lester Young
- 10/24: bassist Oscar Pettiford
- 10/31: pianist-singer Ray Charles

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

### Quotes of the Month

The trumpet. What is it in the mysterious nature of its sound? How does it touch the soul of a warrior, making him brave and fearless in front of a mortal enemy and lead him to a hard-fought victory? How does it make a grown man cry, and young ladies in the audience feel amorous? How do you figure this magic?

– trumpeter-author  
**Valery Ponomarev**

### 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. Linda Yohn starts your day with three and a half hours of great music every Mon.-Fri., from 9:00 to 12:30 (Eastern Time).

### NEW & RECOMMENDED CDS

**The Brother Thelonious Quintet: *Brother Thelonious*** ([NCBC Music](#)): This newly formed unit, whose members all are graduates of the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz Performance, is dedicated to preserving and extending the legacy of one of jazz's greatest innovators. In various combinations, these gifted young musicians offer inventive reworkings of six classic Monk tunes, plus four original compositions that were inspired by his genius.

*100% of the proceeds will be donated to the [Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz Performance](#).*

**Edmar Castaneda: *Entre Cuerdas*** ([ArtistShare](#)): One of the most unique jazz trios you'll ever hear — harpist Edmar Castaneda, trombonist Marshall Gilkes, and drummer-percussionist Dave Silliman — plays some of the most original music you'll ever hear. Castaneda's two-handed approach to the harp is harmonically rich and percussively strong, like a virtuoso flamenco guitarist with an ethereal tinge. A few tracks also feature such guest artists as vibist Joe Locke and guitarist John Scofield.

**Andy Martin & Scott Whitfield: *A Tribute to Carl Fontana, Set 1 of 2*** ([Woofy Productions](#)): In this riveting live performance, trombonists Andy Martin and Scott Whitfield, friends and proud disciples of the late Carl Fontana, pay a heartfelt tribute to "the trombonist's trombonist." They honor Fontana's memory by stretching out on some of the master's favorite tunes (including Bill Holman's overlooked masterpiece, "Carl"), speaking his language in their own voices.

**Wayne Wallace Latin Jazz Quintet: *¡Bien, Bien!*** ([Patois Records](#)): In this rousing set, trombonist Wayne Wallace, a fixture on the West Coast Latin jazz scene, mixes Latinized interpretations of jazz standards by Duke Ellington, John Coltrane, Sonny Rollins and Eddie Harris with his original tunes. One of the liveliest new releases of the year, it's enlivened even more by the presence, on two tracks, of another trombone giant, Julian Priester.

WNTI's fall membership drive runs from Oct. 9 to 16. Help keep quality public radio — and *Just Jazz* — alive and thriving by becoming a member of WNTI. Our basic membership level is \$50, but (tax deductible) donations of any amount are always welcomed and accepted with our sincere gratitude.

You can call in your pledge at 908-852-4545 anytime between the 9th and the 16th. Or click [here](#) to pledge online. (Visa and MasterCard accepted.) Or send a check to:

WNTI Fall Membership Drive  
400 Jefferson Street  
Hackettstown, NJ 07840

### AREA JAZZ EVENTS

**Thurs., October 8, 8:00: [Jazz Masters Series](#)**  
**Overtone Quartet: bassist Dave Holland, saxophonist Chris Potter, pianist Jason Moran & drummer Eric Harland**  
Lafayette College, Williams Center for the Arts, Easton, PA  
\$22; box office: 610-330-5009

**Tues., October 20, 7:30: "Jazz 'n the Hall"**  
**trombonist Luis Bonilla:** Afro-Cuban & Latin Jazz  
South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange, NJ  
\$25 / \$15 / \$8; purchase tickets [online](#) or call 973-313-ARTS

### 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](#)

If you'd prefer not to receive any future *Just Jazz* e-Newsletters, click [here](#)

### 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.*

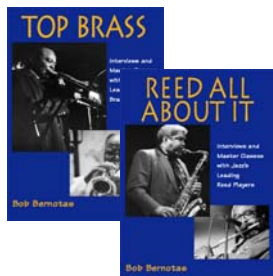
**The Deer Head Inn** Main St./PA Rt. 611, Delaware Water Gap, PA  
Jazz: Thurs., 8:00-11:00  
Fri. & Sat., 7:00-11:00  
Sun. 5:00-8:00. 570-424-2000

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

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