



The name says it all...

Just Jazz

November 2013

Hi Friends —

Solomon Northup was a freeborn African-American who lived in Saratoga Springs, New York. He was a farmer, a carpenter, and an accomplished violinist. In 1841, Northup was offered a job performing as a fiddler in a traveling circus, but, arriving in Washington, D.C., he was drugged, bound, and sold into slavery. He spent the next twelve years toiling on Louisiana cotton plantations before being rescued in 1853. Once freed Northup recounted his personal battle not just to stay alive, but to retain his dignity, his humanity, in a vivid and compelling memoir, *12 Years a Slave*, which now has been made into a [critically acclaimed](#) motion picture with the same title.

In 2008, the very talented saxophonist-flutist-composer, **T.K. Blue**, was commissioned to compose a suite dedicated to the early African-American presence in the Hudson Valley region of upstate New York, and he chose to interpret Northup's remarkable tale in music. The piece, in nine parts, for seven musicians, was released under the title, *Follow the North Star*, and was, in my opinion, one of the best new CDs of that year.

In his memoir, Northup wrote movingly about the healing power of music: "... if it had not been for my beloved violin, I scarcely can conceive how I could have endured the long years of bondage. It was my companion ... triumphing loudly when I was joyful, and uttering its soft melodious consolations when I was sad." It's also undeniable that music has a unique way of telling a story, expressing ideas and feelings through means that words and visual images lack. So see this important film, by all means, but once you have, I highly recommend that you also experience T.K. Blue's aural take on the life, the struggles, and the triumph of Solomon Northup.

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 Artist of the Month
trumpeter **Lester Bowie**

Just Jazz Presents... Features

- 11/3: *The Best of Just Jazz*
- 11/10: Big Band Hour
- 11/17: Singers Hour
- 11/24: Trombone Hour

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

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

He alternates between the heraldic and the gut-bucket, using effects that span the seven decades of jazz. Squeezed half-valves — a St. Louis trademark — nudge at carefully constructed lines, and there are New Orleans echoes in the wide vibrato he often uses. There is hokum aplenty, humour, anger, sorrow. But above all there is irony.
— **journalist Valerie Wilmer**
on **Lester Bowie**

DON'T MISS WNTI'S GREAT SUNDAY LINE-UP

- 10:00-11:00: On the Dance Floor** with **Bob Bernotas**
The big bands, great singers, and beloved entertainers from that Golden Age of American Song when great music was popular and popular music was great.
 - 11:00-noon: The Sinatra Hour** with **Bob Bernotas**
Need I say more? [*heard on local radio only*]
 - noon-2:00: The Happy Foot Request Party**
The Golden Gup & Lulu present swing, jump, jive, rhythm & blues, rock & roll, and pop from the '40s to the '60s.
 - 2:00-4:00: Uncle Pete's Blues Party**
Peter Hoff plays blues that make you feel good.
- It's one swingin' six-hour party, Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time (US), on 91.9 WNTI & [wnti.org](#)!**

NEW & RECOMMENDED CDS

Maaïke den Dunnen: *Arrival* (ATS): Dutch singer Maaïke den Dunnen's debut CD is truly a delight. Backed by a top flight international quartet, she performs standards ("Alone Together," "Spring Is Here"), pop and dance hits, and her own well-crafted and charming original songs. She certainly is a vocal and songwriting talent worth watching.

Joe Fiedler's Big Sackbut: *Sackbut Stomp* (Multiphonics Music): Trombonist Joe Fiedler teams with fellow trombonists Ryan Keberle and Luis Bonilla, and Marcus Rojas on tuba, in this exciting chamber jazz format, and he showcases it here superbly with his original compositions and arrangements. On three tracks, this exhilarating quartet is augmented by the unique sound of Steve Bernstein's slide trumpet (or if you prefer, soprano trombone).

Tim Horner: *The Head of the Circle* (Origin): Drummer Tim Horner has assembled a formidable sextet — with Joe Locke, vibes; Jim Ridl, piano; Steve Allee, keyboards; Ted Nash, reeds; Dean Johnson, bass — to perform ten of his original compositions. Inspired by diverse sources (life events, historic Native American figures, the music of Quincy Jones), Horner's pieces are, at various times, joyful, introspective, moving, often surprising, always engaging.

Diane Hubka: *West Coast Strings* (SSJ): The gifted West Coast-based singer Duane Hubka is joined throughout this diverse program by eight accomplished West Coast-based guitarists. Hubka applies her attractive voice and easy manner to songs by Wes Montgomery, Horace Silver, Jobim, the Gershwins, Strayhorn, Mancini, Van Morrison, among others, and on three tracks she also displays her talent as a guitarist.

UPCOMING AREA JAZZ EVENTS

Mon.-Sun, November 4-10: James Moody Democracy of Jazz Festival: Highlights: "An Evening with the Jimmy Heath Quartet"; "Jazz Meets Samba" (**Sérgio Mendes & very special guests**); "Portrait of Duke" (**Vince Giordano & the Nighthawks**); "Dortheaan's Place" (**Paquito D'Rivera Quartet**); *and much more!*
New Jersey Performing Arts Center, One Center Street, Newark, NJ 1-888-GO-NJPAC

Sun., November 10, noon-6:00: "Zoot Fest 2013"
An all-day event honoring Zoot Sims and Al Cohn
Guest artists include Walt Bibinger Joe Cohn, Bill Crow, Jerry Dodgion, Bob Dorough, Bill Goodwin, Dave Liebman, Joe Locke, Joe Lovano, Adam Niewood, Bucky Pizzarelli, Lew Tabackin, Phil Woods, the COTA Festival Orchestra, and more to be announced!
Keystone Room, East Stroudsburg University, East Stroudsburg, PA \$50 /\$25 students (*food and drinks included*); 570-422-3467
Benefits the Al Cohn Memorial Jazz Collection & COTA CampJazz

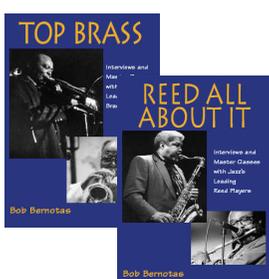
Wed., November 13, 8:00: Jazz Masters Series
saxophonist-clarinetist **Paquito D'Rivera** with **New York Voices: Brazilian Dreams**
7:00: "Composer's Chat" with Paquito D'Rivera
\$22; Williams Center for the Arts, Lafayette College, Easton, PA 610-330-5009

Sun., November 24, 3:00: Jazz at Rutherford Hall
harmonica-vibist **Hendrik Muerkins Quartet**
\$20 advance / \$25 at the door
Rutherford Hall, 1686 Rt.517, Allamuchy, NJ; 908-852-1894, ext. 334

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Top Brass: Interviews and Master Classes with Jazz's Leading Brass Players
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Reed All About It: Interviews and Master Classes with Jazz's Leading Reed Players
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RECOMMENDED INTERNET JAZZ RADIO

groovebone.org: All jazz trombone, all the time, produced and programmed by trombonist-bandleader **Dave Dickey**.

Café Latino: Singer-songwriter **Laura Fernandez** hosts two hours of Latin music Sat. 4:00-6:00 on Toronto's Jazz FM91.

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 right with three and a half hours of jazz and blues. 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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