



The name says it all...

Just Jazz

December 2010

Hi Friends –

This is the final newsletter of the year and that means it's time for my "Best New Jazz CDs of 2010" list, which raises the question: How do you get to be on my "Best New Jazz CDS of 2010" list? First of all, let me make one thing clear: it's not at all like how you get to be a Raelett.

It's really pretty simple. There are some "categories" or "genres" that are important to me – trombone, piano, vocal, Latin, big band – so I begin by including the year's "best" of each. (Sometimes they overlap, often there is more than one.) Then I add other CDs that I liked during the past twelve months until I reach the magical and totally arbitrary number of ten.

So like I said, it's pretty simple. And if your CD didn't make this year's "Ten Best" list, don't feel bad. It was number eleven.

Keep list'nin' and have a Cool Yule, Bob

While I'm on the subject, don't miss my annual "Just Jazz Cool Yule Special" on Sunday, December 19 – five hours of holiday music by the greats of jazz. Then on Sunday, December 26, it's my "The Year in Jazz (Just Jazz, that is) Special."

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.

QUOTES OF THE MONTH: WRITERS ON BOOKS

For a person who grew up in the '30s and '40s in the segregated South, with so many doors closed without explanation to me, libraries and books said, "Here I am, read me." Over time I have learned I am at my best around books.

– Maya Angelou

In an abundant society where people have laptops, cell phones, iPods, and minds like empty rooms, I still plod along with books.

– Harper Lee

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).

THE JUST JAZZ 10 BEST NEW JAZZ CDS OF 2010

- Sheryl Bailey: *A New Promise* (MCG Jazz)
- Michael Dease: *Grace* (Jazz Legacy Productions)
- Dave Holland: *Pathways* (Dare2)
- Carol Leven: *Between the Lines* (Bickytown)
- Pete Malinverni: *A Beautiful Thing!* (Saranac)
- Rufus Reid: *Out Front* (Motema)
- Ted Rosenthal: *Impromptu* (Playscape)
- Harvie S: *Cocolamus Bridge* (Blue Bamboo)
- Roland Vazquez: *The Visitor* (RVCD)
- Chris Washburne & The SYOTOS Band: *Fields of Moons* (Jazzheads)

BEST LATIN CD: Spanish Harlem Orchestra: *Viva la Tradición* (Concord Picante)

BEST REISSUES:

- Al Grey: *The Last of the Big Plungers (+The Thinking Man's Trombone)* (Fresh Sound)
- Philly Joe Jones Dameronia: *Look, Stop and Listen* (Uptown)

BEST CD OF PREVIOUSLY UNAVAILABLE MATERIAL: Carl Fontana: *The Fifties* (Uptown)

I'll be featuring these excellent 2010 releases on my December 26th "The Year in Jazz" edition of Just Jazz. I'll also be paying tribute that night to giants of music who left us during this past year: Marion Brown, Buddy Collette, Herb Ellis, Graciella, Lena Horne, Jane Jarvis, Hank Jones, Benny Powell, Ed Thigpen.

AREA JAZZ EVENTS

Sat., Dec. 4, 8:00: LU Jazz Ensemble, Band & Combo: Lehigh's Jazz Ensembles Play Modern and Classic Jazz Zoellner Arts Center, Baker Hall, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA \$15; 670-758-2787

Sun, Dec. 12, 3:00: Julliard Jazz Ensemble: Holiday Jazz SOPAC, One SOPAC Way, South Orange, NJ \$15; 973-313-ARTS

Sat, Dec. 18, 8:00: pianist McCoy Tyner SOPAC, One SOPAC Way, South Orange, NJ \$58 / \$48 / \$38; 973-313-ARTS

AND COMING NEXT MONTH...

"Jazz in January" @ The New Lackland Center Centenary College, Hackettstown, NJ
Sat., Jan. 15: "Three Tenors & a Baritone": Jerry Weldon, Grant Stewart & Janelle Reichman, tenor saxophones; Lisa Parrott, baritone saxophone; with the Jesse Green Trio
*Tickets \$22.50 in advance \$25 / \$27.50 at the door
Sat., Jan. 22: singer Bobby Caldwell & His Big Band
*Tickets \$35 in advance / \$40 at the door
Sat., Jan. 29: The Artie Shaw Orchestra
*Tickets \$30 in advance / \$35 at the door
All three concerts: \$80 in advance
Concerts start at 4:00 p.m. (New Time!)
Tickets on sale now!: online; box office: 908-979-0900

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: events@wnti.org

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.

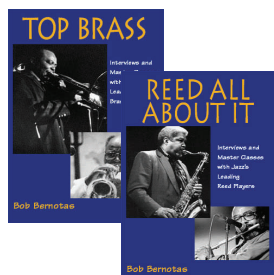
The Deer Head Inn Main St./Rt. 611, Delaware Water Gap, PA Thurs., 8:00-11:00; Fri. & Sat., 7:00-11:00; Sun. 5:00-8:00 570-424-2000

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

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Just Jazz Artist of the Month Frank Sinatra

(What? Sinatra on a "jazz" show? On my jazz show, baby! Click here to dig a clip of Frank at his very best.)

Just Jazz Presents... Features

- 12/5: Trombone Hour
- 12/12: Latin Jazz Hour

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

And two special Just Jazz programs to end the year...

- 12/19: The 7th Annual Just Jazz "Cool Yule" Special
- 12/26: 2010: The Year in Jazz

Just Jazz Presents with Bob Bernotas

- 12/4 & 7: Thelonious Monk
 - 12/11 & 14: Clark Terry
 - 12/18 & 21: "Cool Yule," part 1
 - 12/25 & 28: "Cool Yule," part 2
- Saturdays 9:00-10:00 a.m. & p.m.
Tuesdays 11:00 p.m. –midnight @ Pure Jazz Radio