



The name says it all...

# Just Jazz

December 2009

Hi Friends –

You know, one of the things I enjoy most this time of year is putting together my two special year-end *Just Jazz* shows. On **Sunday, December 20** it's my "**Cool Yule**" Special – five hours of holiday music played by the greats of jazz.

Then on **Sunday, December 27** it's my "**The Year in (Just) Jazz**" show – a look back at my artists of the month and what I feel were the best new jazz CDs of 2009, and tributes to jazz artists who died this past year.

I'm thinking that maybe this year I'll also honor some prominent political figures with a few specially chosen songs...

- "I Wonder What Became of Me" (for George W. Bush)
- "If I Ruled the World" (for Dick Cheney)
- "I Won't Dance" (for former Rep. Tom Delay)
- "Blues in the Closet" (for former Sen. Larry Craig)
- "Down Argentina Way" (for future-former South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford)
- "Crazy" (for Rep. Michelle Bachman)
- "Cry Me a River" (for Glenn Beck)
- "South of the Border" (for Lou Dobbs)
- "Let's Go Get Stoned" (for Rush Limbaugh)
- "I've Got a Lovely Bunch of Coconuts" (for the Senate Republican Caucus)

And, of course, "If I Only Had a Brain" (for Sarah Palin) ...or maybe I won't.

Keep list'nin' and have a Cool Yule,  
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](http://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](http://PureJazzRadio.com).



**Just Jazz Presents... Features:**

- 12/6: organist **Jimmy Smith** (December Artist of the Month)
- 12/13: The Singers Hour

"Just Jazz Presents..." is heard every Sunday, midnight-1:00, during *Just Jazz* @ [wnti.org](http://wnti.org)

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

- 12/20: **The 6th Annual Just Jazz "Cool Yule" Special**
- 12/27: **2009: The Year in Jazz** (*Just Jazz*, that is)

**Just Jazz Presents with Bob Bernotas:**

- 12/5 & 12/8: The Modern Jazz Quartet
- 12/12 & 12/15: multi-reedplayer Eric Dolphy
- 12/19 & 12/22: "**Cool Yule**" part 1
- 12/26 & 12/29: "**Cool Yule**" part 2

**Saturdays 9:00-10:00 a.m. & p.m.**  
**Tuesdays 11:00 p.m. –midnight**  
@ [Pure Jazz Radio](http://PureJazzRadio.com)

## Quote of the Month

Entertainment is a word with many meanings. In its truest sense, it means great art. The greatest art is the most entertaining. It gives an audience the unforgettable excitement of unfolding a new idea and experience, a fresh revelation of a human personality. Such entertainment is possible, however, only when an audience, itself, knows something of creation, or is willing to use its mind, to think, to enter in active collaboration with the artist.

– cultural historian and critic  
**Sidney Finkelstein**

## 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).

## THE JUST JAZZ 10 BEST NEW JAZZ CDS OF 2009

- Helio Alves: *It's Clear*** (Reservoir Music)
- Luis Bonilla: *I Talking Now!*** (Planet Arts)
- Carlos Castaneda: *Entre Cuerdas*** (ArtistShare)
- Bill Henderson: *Beautiful Memory*** (Auh Productions)
- Fred Hersch: *Fred Hersch Plays Jobim*** (Sunnyside)
- Diane Hubka: *I Like It Here: Live in Tokyo*** (SSJ Records)
- James Moody: *4A*** (IPO Recordings)
- Claudio Roditi: *Brazilliance x 4*** (Resonance)
- Gary Smulyan: *High Noon: The Jazz Soul of Frankie Laine*** (Reservoir Music)
- Gerald Wilson: *Detroit*** (Mack Avenue)

**BEST LATIN JAZZ CD: Wayne Wallace: *¡Bien Bien!*** (Patois Records)

**BEST REISSUE CD: Various Artists: *The Trombones Inc.*** (Lonehill)

I'll be featuring these excellent 2009 releases on my **December 27<sup>th</sup> "The Year in Jazz"** edition of *Just Jazz*. I'll also be paying tribute that night to these giants of music who left us during this past year: Rashied Ali, Louis Bellson, Leroy Cooper, Hank Crawford, Blossom Dearie, Buddy Montgomery, Morris Nanton, David "Fathead" Newman, Manny Oquendo, George Russell.

## AREA JAZZ EVENTS

**Sat., December 5, 8:00: saxophonist Branford Marsalis Quartet / Maria Schneider Orchestra**

tickets from \$21 to \$82

[NJ PAC](http://NJPAC.com), One Center Street, Newark, NJ; Prudential Hall 888-GO-NJPAC

**Sun, December 20, 4:00 & 7:00: singer Diane Reeves**

\$68 / \$58 / \$48

[South Orange Performing Arts Center](http://SouthOrangePerformingArtsCenter.com), One SOPAC Way, South Orange, NJ; 973-313-ARTS

## AND COMING NEXT MONTH...

"**Jazz in January**" @ The Dome (Whitney Chapel)  
Centenary College, 400 Jefferson St., Hackettstown, NJ

Sat., January 16: **Manhattan Symphony Jazz Orchestra:** 17

-piece big band directed by drummer-arranger **Dennis Mackrel**

Sat., January 23: **String of Pearls:** jazz vocal trio + horns

\***Tickets** (*these two concerts*): in advance \$25 / \$15 (18 yrs. & under); at the door \$30 / \$20 (18 yrs. & under)

Sat., January 30: **bassist Jay Leonhart All-Star Sextet**

\***Tickets** (*this concert only*): in advance \$23 / \$15 (18 yrs. & under); at the door \$28 / \$20 (18 yrs. & under)

**For all three concerts: \$65**

Concerts start at 8:00 p.m. **Tickets on sale now!** [online](http://online.com);

box office: 908-979-0900 / 908-637-6455

## ATTENTION LOCAL JAZZ ARTISTS!

If you've got an upcoming jazz or performance in the NW New Jersey-Pennsylvania region, you can add it to the WNTI website's Events Calendar. Just click [here](http://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](mailto:events@wnti.org)

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

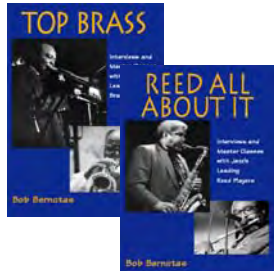
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