



The name says it all...

Just Jazz

Sinatra 2015

Hi Friends —

I guess you heard by now, after a month off the air I've returned to the radio — real radio (and the Internet, too) — and, after a month's hiatus, the *Just Jazz* e-newsletter has returned. Best of all, I'm back in time to celebrate the holidays and the 100th birthday anniversary of Frank Sinatra. As you might expect, I do have a few special shows and segments planned this month for the new *Just Jazz ... featuring the Sinatra Hour*.

I'm also putting forward the following motion: that for 2015 the month usually known as "December" shall be renamed "Sinatra." All in favor say "Ring-a-ding ding!" Anyone opposed keep your yap shut, Clyde. In Dean's immortal words, "It's Frank's world, you just live in it, pally."

Another bit of business: Books make great holiday gifts — even for yourself — so let me recommend three terrific new titles that you can add to your shopping list:

Free Verse and Photos in the Key of Jazz, verses by Gloria Krolak, photos by Ed Berger: Thirty-six verses, each one centering on a single theme and made up of song titles, accompanied by beautiful B&W photographs of jazz artists.
Jeru's Journey: The Life & Music of Gerry Mulligan by Sanford Josephson: An insightful, thorough, and lively biography of the brilliant and innovative baritone saxophonist-composer.
Sinatra: The Chairman by James Kaplan: The follow-up volume to Kaplan's *Frank: The Voice* and an excellent treatment of Sinatra's life and career from the 1950s to his death.

And here's one more great gift suggestion: The "Collector's Edition" of **The Girls in the Band**, the award-winning documentary film about female jazz artists, directed by Judy Chaikin, is now available. Click [HERE](#) to order for just \$29.99 and receive the DVD — with added features — plus extra bonuses!

No music lover would be disappointed to receive any of these.

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



Here's wishing all my pallies a Cool Yule and a Ring-a-ding Ding New Year!

Special Shows and Segments

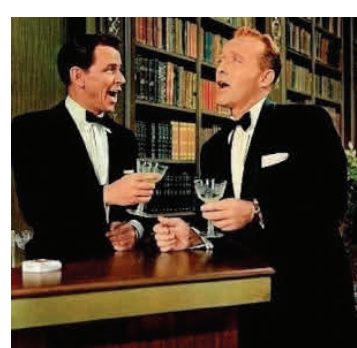
12/6: Sammy Davis, Jr.'s 90th Birthday (11:00)
A Jazz Tribute to Frank Sinatra (noon)
12/13: Sinatra: A 100th Birthday Retrospective (11:00)
Songs of Winter (noon)
12/20: The *Just Jazz* Cool Yule-Sinatra & Friends Holiday Special (10:00-1:00)

Just Jazz...featuring The Sinatra Hour is heard every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Eastern Time (US) over 104.7 & 92.7 FM and 1510 AM WRNJ and streams live worldwide at wrnj.com

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Frank Sinatra is the kind of singer who comes along once in a lifetime -- but why did it have to be my lifetime?

— Bing Crosby



RECOMMENDED INTERNET JAZZ RADIO

groovebone.org: All jazz trombone, all the time, produced and programmed by trombonist-bandleader [Dave Dickey](#).

wemu.org: Linda Yohn starts your day right with three and a half hours of jazz and blues. Mon.-Fri. 9:00-12:30 ET

Late Night Jazz with Rusty Hassan: a Hall of Fame jazz broadcaster. Thurs. 10:00 -midnight wpfwfm.org.

Café Latino: Singer-songwriter [Laura Fernandez](#) features two hours of Latin music. Sat. 4:00-6:00 p.m. ET on Toronto's Jazz FM91.

Good Vibes: Gloria Krolak hosts the world's only radio show dedicated to the vibraphone. First Sun. of every month 8:00-10:00 p.m. ET

Jazz Spotlight on Sinatra: Nancy Barell presents Frank Sinatra's music through the decades, along with jazz instrumentalists and singers who recorded songs he performed plus other great standards.

THE JUST JAZZ 10 BEST NEW JAZZ CDS OF 2015

Don Braden: Luminosity (Creative Perspective Music)
Duduka Da Fonseca: Jive Samba (Zoho)
Joe Fiedler: I'm In (Multiphonics Music)
Pete Malinverni: Emerging Markets (Glass Beach Jazz)
Chris McNulty: Eternal (Palmetto)
Lisa Parrott: Round Tripper (Serious Niceness)
Harvie S & Sheryl Bailey: Plucky Strum (Whaling City Sound)
Steve Turre: Spiritman (Smoke Sessions)
Chris Washburne & the SYOTOS Band: Low Ridin' (Zoho)
John Yao & His 17-Piece Instrument: Flip-Flop (See Tao)

BEST LATIN MUSIC CDs:

BRAZILIAN: Achilles Liarmakopolous: **Trombone Atrivido** (Opening Day)
CUBAN: Manuel Valera, Sr.: **Recuerdos** (Mavo)

BEST DEBUT CD: Daniel Čačija: **Lifeline** (Mons)

BEST REISSUE: Erroll Garner: **The Complete Concert by the Sea** (Columbia Legacy)

BEST BOX SET: Frank Sinatra: **Ultimate Sinatra** (Capitol)

BEST NEW CD OF PREVIOUSLY UNRELEASED MATERIAL: Red Garland: **Swingin' on the Korner** (Elemental)

UPCOMING AREA JAZZ EVENTS

Sunday, Sinatra (December) 13, 7:00: Music in the Moonlight
"Mulligan & More": multi-instrumentalist [Scott Robinson](#) and pianist [Ted Rosenthal](#)
\$18 advance / \$20 at the door
Luna Stage, 555 Valley Road, West Orange, NJ; 973-395-5551

Copies of the new book, **Jeru's Journey: The Life and Music of Gerry Mulligan**, by "Music in the Moonlight" series curator [Sanford Josephson](#) will be available for sale in the lobby.

Sunday, Sinatra (December) 27, 3:00: Jazz at Rutherford Hall
14 year old trumpeter [Geoff Galante](#) Quartet featuring the Music of Rodgers & Hart
\$22.50 in advance / \$27.50 at the door
Rutherford Hall, 1686 Rt.517, Allamuchy, NJ; 908-852-1894, ext. 334

Here's something you need to know: Every Wednesday night and Thursday morning of this month TCM will be airing thirty-five films by its "Star of the Month" — who else? — **Frank Sinatra**, plus five of his acclaimed TV specials, including, on the evening of the 23rd, *Happy Holidays from Bing and Frank*, first broadcast in 1957. This is my definition of **Must-See TV**

And let me say "welcome to WRNJ," to my old 91.9 WNTI pals [Brian Kathenes](#) and [Leon Castner](#), whose fun and informative show, [Value This](#), will air every Sunday, 1:00-2:00 p.m. — right after *Just Jazz...featuring The Sinatra Hour* — starting on Sinatra 6th. (See, I am serious about this.) Tune in, call in, and learn everything you ever wanted to know — and a lot you didn't want to know — about antiques, collectibles, and memorabilia

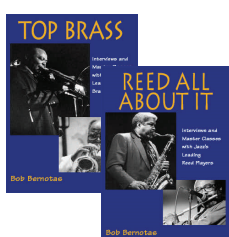
Acclaimed Jazz Books by Bob

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

\$20, plus shipping
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