

# January 2009

### Hi Friends -

The Hall of Fame catcher Yogi Berra once told a teammate, who suggested they eat at a popular restaurant, "Nobody goes there anymore. It's too crowded." With that in mind I'm introducing a new gimmick – I mean <i>feature</i> – for 2009: The <i>Just Jazz</i> Classic Recording of the Week.		
Each week after the 11:30 break I'll play one of those classic jazz sides that nobody plays anymore because <i>everybody</i> plays them. You know the ones I mean, those recordings that introduced you to a particular artist or maybe even to jazz in general, that had a profound and lasting impact on you as a jazz listener and, perhaps, on the overall development of the music. Plus, this gives me another chance to express my opinion about something, and you all know how much I like doing that. On another note, <u>Quincy Jones</u> has proposed that the incoming president appoint a national <u>Secretary for the Arts</u> , and I agree with Q (and not only because I'd like the gig). If you also agree, click <u>here</u> and sign the online petition.		Weekly Just Jazz Presents   Features: Midnight -1:00 a.m.   1/4: singer Billy Eckstine (January Just Jazz Artist of the Month)   1/11: Trombone Hour   1/18: Latin Jazz Hour   1/25: Big Band Hour
Wishing you all health, happiness, great music, and — most of all — <i>peace</i> in 2009, Bob		IT'S ALMOST HERE: My cool new website @ jazzcorner.com, with
<i>Just Jazz</i> with Bob Bernotas can be heard every Sunday night from 10:00 pm to 3:00 am Eastern Time (US) over 91.9 WNTI-FM and streaming live at <u>wnti.org</u> .		lots of great stuff — articles, reviews, downloads, photos, links, and more.
Quote of the Month:	Recommended	Internet Jazz Radio
Eartha Kitt (1927-2008) Generally the whole entertainment business now is bland. It depends so much on gadgetry and flash now. You don't have to have talent to be in the business today. I think we had to have something to offer, if you wanted to be recognized	<u>groovebone.org</u> : All jazz trombone, all the time, produced and programmed by trombonist Dave Dickey. <i>Free CD contests and</i> <i>great T-shirts, too!</i> (davedickey.com)	
	<i>Jazz Spotlight on Sinatra</i> , produced and presented by Nancy Barell, features Sinatra songs through the decades, as well as jazz instrumentalists and singers who recorded songs Sinatra performed, plus other great standards: <u>live365.com/stations/nancyann3839</u>	
if you wanted to be recognized as worth paying for. [1996] <i>C'est si bon!</i>		n Eastern Michigan University. Linda and a half hours of great music every Eastern Time).

## C'est si bon!

#### **NEW & RECOMMENDED CDS**

**Don Braden:** Gentle Storm (High Note): On this late 2008 release, tenor saxophonist Don Braden offers, as he always does, the best of modern mainstream jazz. Along with the usual mix of standards and originals Don adds a new twist, with his hip interpretations of the vintage pop hits "This Masquerade" and "Never Can Say Goodbye."

<u>Marc Copland</u>: *New York Trio Recordings, Volume 3: Night Whispers* (<u>Pirouet</u>): For this latest entry in his series of brilliant trio recordings, pianist-composer Marc Copland is joined by bassist Drew Gress and drummer Bill Stewart, who also contribute original compositions. A special treat are Marc's three solo takes of the Johnny Mandel movie theme, "Emily."

**Lauren Sevian:** Blueprint (Inner Circle Music): For the past few years Lauren Sevian has been a "rising star" on the New York jazz scene, particularly in her role as the baritone saxophonist in the Mingus Big Band. Lauren's debut CD, filled with original compositions performed by a stellar quartet, is further proof that she is becoming an important voice on her instrument.

Gary Smulyan: High Noon: The Jazz Soul of Frankie Laine (Reservoir Music): From the late

1940s well into the 1960s, Frankie Laine was one of America's most popular singing stars. Now baritone saxophonist Gary Smulyan and an all-star octet reveal the jazz side of Laine and his music through arranger Mark Masters' ingenious recastings of ten Laine favorites — including seven songs written or co-written by the singer himself.

#### **AREA JAZZ EVENTS**

"Jazz in January" @ The Dome (Whitney Chapel) Centenary College, 400 Jefferson St., Hackettstown, NJ Sat., January 10: singer Bobby Caldwell & a 17-piece big band: Sinatra-style vocals to Nelson Riddle arrangements \* Tickets (*this concert only*): \$35 / \$27.50 (18 & under) Sat., January 17: tenor saxophonist Houston Person Sat., January 24: All-Star Septet: Dennis Jeter, trumpet & vocals; John Jensen, trombone; Nelson Hill, alto saxophone & flute; Lisa Parrott, baritone saxophone; Jesse Green, piano; Evan Gregor, bass; Daniel Gonzalez, drums \* Tiekete (for these two concerted) \$22.50 (18 for these two concerted) \$20.50 for the two concerted) \$21.50 for these two concerted \$25.50 (18 for these two concerted) \$25.50 for the two concerted \$25.50 (18 for these two concerted) \$23.50 (18 for these two concerted \$25.50 for the two concerted \$25.50 (18 for the two concerted \$25.50 for the two concerted \$25.50 for the two concerted \$25.50 for the two concerted \$35.50 for two concerted \$35.50 fo

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For all three concerts: \$75 / \$55 (18 & under) All concerts start at 8:00 p.m.

These concerts sell out quickly, so get your tickets *now!* Purchase tickets <u>online</u> or call 908-979-0900/908-637-6455

Sat., January 17, 8:00: South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange, NJ tenor saxophonist <u>Joshua Redman</u> trio \$38 / \$28 Purchase tickets <u>online</u> or call 973-313-ARTS

Sat., January 31, 8:00: Lafayette College, Williams Center for the Arts, Easton, PA <u>Jazz Masters Series</u>: pianists Mulgrew Miller & Kenny Barron \$28; box office: 610-330-5009

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#### LOCAL JAZZ VENUES

Café Baci (@ Mama's Restaurant, 260 Mountain Ave., Hackettstown, NJ): Jazz 7:00-10:00, 3rd Fri. of every month. 908-852-2820/2821 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 every Thurs., 8:00-11:00; Fri. & Sat., 7:00-11:00; Sun. 5:00-8:00. 570-424-2000

Papillon25 (25 Valley St., South Orange, NJ): Jazz every Thurs., 8:00-11:30. 973-761-5299

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

Walpack Inn (Rt. 615, Walpack Center, NJ 07881): Jazz every Fri., 8:00-10:00. 973-948-3890

ATTENTION LOCAL JAZZ ARTISTS!

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