



The name says it all...

# Just Jazz

May 2012

Hi Friends –

May 11 marks the **eighty-fifth birthday** of the great and groundbreaking comedian **Mort Sahl**. In the mid 1950s Sahl – and in his own way, Lenny Bruce – launched “The Golden Age of Stand-Up Comedy,” the era of Bob Newhart, Shelley Berman, Jonathan Winters, Woody Allen, Dick Gregory, Mike Nichols and Elaine May, and later, George Carlin and Richard Pryor. That was a time when comedy was original, topical, relevant, and unlike so much of today’s so-called “comedy,” *funny*. **And no comic ever was more original, topical, relevant – and funnier – than Mort Sahl.**

But the term “comic” doesn’t begin to describe Mort Sahl. He walks in the footsteps of Swift and Shaw, Mark Twain and Will Rogers, a political satirist and social critic whose mission, as he sees it, is to defy the powerful, deflate the pompous, and denounce the posers. Political, but not partisan, Sahl has targeted Democrats and Republicans alike. Kennedy, Clinton, and Obama; Nixon, Reagan, and Bush – all of them have been scrutinized by Sahl’s sharp eye and stung by his even sharper mind and tongue.

He is clearly not a conservative, certainly not a liberal, too courageous to fit into that cowardly category, independent. He has said he’s a “radical,” and he is one, to be sure. But like his comedy, Sahl’s radicalism is subtle, complex, and self-defined. **In truth, he is one thing and one thing only: himself. And when you’re Mort Sahl, that’s a lot.**

Stay cool and keep list’nin’,  
Bob

Click [here](#) for a sample of the brilliant mind of Mort Sahl.

*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 at 9:00 a.m. & 9:00 p.m., Tuesday at 11:00 p.m., and Wednesday at 3:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time (US) on the Internet at [Pure Jazz Radio](#).



**Just Jazz Artist of the Month  
alto saxophonist  
Jackie McLean**

### Just Jazz Presents... Features

- 5/6: Trombone Hour
- 5/13: Latin Jazz Hour
- 5/20: Keyboard Hour
- 5/27: Big Band Hour

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

### Just Jazz Presents with Bob Bernotas

- 5/5, 8 & 9: J.J. Johnson
- 5/12, 15 & 16: Ella Fitzgerald: *The Song Books*
- 5/19, 22 & 23: Dizzy Gillespie
- 5/26, 29 & 30: Cannonball Adderley

**Saturdays 9:00 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.  
Tuesdays 11:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays 3:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
@ [Pure Jazz Radio](#)**

### QUOTES OF THE MONTH

Liberals feel unworthy of their possessions. Conservatives feel they deserve everything they’ve stolen.

Washington couldn’t tell a lie, Nixon couldn’t tell the truth, and Reagan couldn’t tell the difference.

The country not only needs a third party, it needs a second party.

– Mort Sahl

### MORE GREAT WNTI SHOWS FOR JUST JAZZ LISTENERS

Every Sunday **The Golden Gup & Lulu** host *four hours* of excellent programs:

- 10:00-11:00: On the Dance Floor:** glorious music from the golden age of the big bands and the great popular singers
- 11:00-noon: The Sinatra Hour:** ’nuf said! [*heard on radio only*]
- noon-2:00: The Happy Foot Request Party:** swing, jump, jive, rhythm & blues, and rock & roll from the ’40s to the ’60s

Then stay tuned for **Uncle Pete’s Blues Party**, hosted by **Peter Hoff**, from 2:00 to 4:00.

**Congratulations, Uncle Pete, on your induction into the Blues Hall of Fame as an "Ambassador to Northern New Jersey."**

It’s one swingin’ six-hour party, **Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Eastern Time (US), on 91.9 WNTI & [wnti.org](#)

### NEW & RECOMMENDED CDS

**Cyrus Chestnut: The Cyrus Chestnut Quartet (WJ3):** The only mundane thing about this new release by pianist Cyrus Chestnut is its title. One of the finest keyboardists of his generation, Chestnut and his group — saxophonist Stacy Dillard, bassist Dezron Douglass, drummer Willie Jones III — swing hard through eight of his strong original compositions.

**Buddy Greco: Live at the Sands (BNL):** Here’s singer-pianist Buddy Greco in his prime (circa, late 1960s), at his favorite Vegas venue, the Sands, holding the audience, as they say, in the palm of his hand. This newly released CD mixes classic standards with then-current pop hits, offering a compelling look at this consummate, jazz-influenced entertainer who, by the way, is still thrilling crowds today at the age of nearly 86. **Long live Buddy Greco!**

**Randy Napoleon: The Jukebox Crowd (Gut String):** Guitarist Randy Napoleon leads a sparking sextet in a diverse and tuneful program that is a delight from beginning to end. Napoleon shows himself to be a most accomplished composer, and his takes on standards like “Fools Rush In” and “I’m in the Mood for Love” are fresh and thoroughly enjoyable.

**Jens Wendelboe: Fresh Heat (Rosa):** Big band jazz is alive and very well in the hands of trombonist-composer-arranger Jens Wendelboe. The ensemble is filled with formidable players and guests who perform Wendelboe’s works, plus his treatments of Joe Henderson’s “Black Narcissus” and Steve Swallow’s “Falling Grace,” with fire, swagger, and verve.

### UPCOMING JAZZ EVENTS

**Fri. May 4, 6:30: All-Star Benefit Concert for Sparta Arts** including **Big Funk** (Don Braden, Karl Latham, Nick Rolfe, Calvin Jones), **pianist Johannes Mössinger Quartet** (featuring tenor saxophonist **Joel Frahm**) & many other fine acts  
Sparta High School, Sparta, NJ  
\$20 adults / \$10 students & seniors / children under 12 **FREE**  
**Proceeds benefit the free 2012 Sparta Summer Concert series**

**Fri., May 11, 8:30: pianist Johannes Mössinger** with bassist **Calvin Jones** & drummer **Karl Latham**  
**Historic Blairstown Theatre**, 30 Main St., Blairstown, NJ  
\$20; 908-362-1399

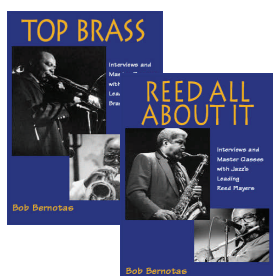
**Sun., May 20, 7:00: “Blues in the Night”:** A Celebration of **Hank Crawford** and **David “Fathead” Newman** featuring **guitarist Bob DeVos** & **tenor saxophonist Eric Alexander** with pianist **Dave Brahm**  
Luna Stage, 555 Valley Road, West Orange, NJ  
\$15 in advance / \$18 at the door; 973-395-5551

### Acclaimed Jazz Books by Bob

*Top Brass: Interviews and Master Classes with Jazz’s Leading Brass Players*

*Reed All About It: Interviews and Master Classes with Jazz’s Leading Reed Players*

\$20 each, plus shipping  
[jazzbob.com](#)



### 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. **Free CD contests and great T-shirts!**

**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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