



The name says it all...

Just Jazz

June 2014

Hi Friends —

Hilary Clinton's latest book, *Hard Choices*, comes out in June, and I may read it — once I've read every other book that has been published since Gutenberg invented moveable type. (Besides, I prefer non-fiction.)

Hard Choices is being touted as Clinton's "inside account of the crises, choices, and challenges that she faced during her four years as America's 67th Secretary of State, and how those experiences drive her view of the future." Frankly, I can't think of any crises she calmed, much less wars she ended. I do know she advocated military intervention in Libya and opposed placing Boko Haram on the State Department's list of terrorist groups. And she did travel to 112 countries, which may qualify her for the *Guinness Book of World Records*, but not necessarily the White House.

As for her "view of the future," there is a revealing passage in her "author's note" — part sneak peak, part talking points for MSNBC hosts — released this week by her publisher. In it she calls the United States "the indispensable nation" and declares, "While there are few problems in today's world that the United States can solve alone, there are even fewer that can be solved without the United States." That's the arrogant notion called "American exceptionalism" — much beloved by the right — married to old-fashioned American interventionism. If this does not concern you, it should.

I know what you're thinking. She probably is better than anything the other party can offer. My problem is, I'm not sure whether in 2016 Hilary Clinton will be the lesser of two evils or the evil of two lessers.

Stay cool and keep list'nin',
Bob

To be continued ...



Just Jazz Artists of the Month
trombonist Slide Hampton

**Just Jazz Presents...
Features**

- 6/1: Singers Hour
- 6/8: Latin Jazz Hour
- 6/15: **The Best of Just Jazz**
- 6/22: **The Annual Just Jazz All-Trombone Special** (starting at 10:00 p.m.)
- 6/29: Big Band Hour

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

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.

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

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.

The best candy shop a child can be left alone in, is the library.
— Maya Angelou, 1928-2014

When Maya Angelou spoke, it sounded like singing. When Maya Angelou spoke prose, it sounded like poetry.

DON'T MISS WNTI'S GREAT SUNDAY LINE-UP

- 10:00-11:00: On the Dance Floor** with **Bob Bernotas**
The big bands, great singers, and beloved entertainers from that Golden Age of American Song when great music was popular and popular music was great.
- 11:00-noon: The Sinatra Hour** with **Bob Bernotas**
Need I say more? [*heard on local radio only*]
- noon-2:00: The Happy Foot Request Party**
The Golden Gup & Lulu present swing, jump, jive, rhythm & blues, rock & roll, and pop from the '40s to the '60s.
- 2:00-4:00: Uncle Pete's Blues Party**
Peter Hoff plays blues that make you feel good.

It's one swingin' six-hour party, Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time (US), on 91.9 WNTI & wnti.org!

NEW & RECOMMENDED CDS

Bruce Barth: Daybreak (Savant): Pianist Bruce Barth's outstanding, original-laden new release ranges from Brazilian (Barth's "Brasilia" and Jobim's "Triste," recast in 7/4) to Afro-Caribbean-meets-swing (his "Vámanos") to straight-ahead (Cole Porter's "In the Still of the Night"). And his duets with vibraphonist Steve Nelson ("Somehow It's True") and trumpeter Terrell Stafford ("So Tender") are special treats.

Pete McGuinness Jazz Orchestra: Strength in Numbers (Summit): Great big band jazz will never die as long as dedicated artists like trombonist-singer-arranger-composer Pete McGuinness are on the scene. McGuinness has assembled a stellar cast of NYC stalwarts to support his vision and interpret his pieces, plus he lends his distinctive vocal styling to the standards "What Are You Doing the Rest of You're Life?" and "You Don't Know What Love Is."

Martin Wind: Turn Out the Stars (What If Music): Bassist Martin Wind's quartet — saxophonist Scott Robinson, pianist Bill Cunliffe, drummer Joe La Barbera — is backed by Italy's Orchestra Filharmonica Marchigiana in this rich, evocative program of music written, inspired, or performed by the influential pianist, Bill Evans. To Wind's great credit, this live performance truly exudes the spirit of Evans' originality, sensitivity, and depth.

Yard Byard: The Jaki Byard Project: Inch by Inch (GM Recordings): Yard Byard is a co-operative quintet — Jamie Baum, flutes; Adam Kolker, reeds; Jerome Harris, guitar; Ugonna Okegwo, bass; George Schuller, drums — dedicated to preserving and presenting the musical legacy of pianist-composer-educator Jaki Byard. This thoughtful project offers a dozen of Byard's original pieces sincerely rendered and brilliantly illuminated.

UPCOMING AREA JAZZ EVENTS

Sat., June 14, 8:00: El Gran Combo with special guest singer Charlie Cruz
\$44.65-\$107.35
New Jersey Performing Arts Center
1 Center St., Newark, NJ; 1-888-GO NJPAC

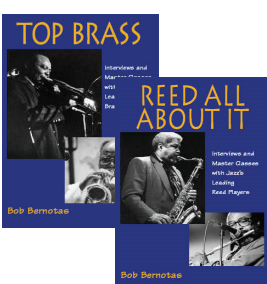
Sun. June 15, 4:00: The US Air Force Rhythm in Blue Jazz Ensemble FREE!
Sherman Theater; 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, PA
574-420-2808

Sat., June 21, 8:00: Unit 1: John Hart, guitar; Mark Egan, electric bass; Karl Latham, drums
\$15 in advance / \$20 at the door
The Historic Blairstown Theatre, 39 Main St., Blairstown, NJ
908-362-1399

Acclaimed Jazz Books by Bob

Top Brass: Interviews and Master Classes with Jazz's Leading Brass Players
[temporarily out of print]

Reed All About It: Interviews and Master Classes with Jazz's Leading Reed Players
\$20, plus shipping jazzbob.com



RECOMMENDED INTERNET JAZZ RADIO

groovebone.org: All jazz trombone, all the time, produced and programmed by trombonist-bandleader **Dave Dickey**.

Café Latino: Singer-songwriter **Laura Fernandez** features two hours of Latin music. Sat. 4:00-6:00 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 & the following Wed. 4:00-6:00 p.m. ET

Jazz Spotlight on Sinatra: Nancy Barell presents Sinatra's music through the decades, plus jazz instrumentalists and singers who recorded songs he 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).

Bob Bernotas • host of *Just Jazz* • Sunday nights, 10:00 p.m.-3:00 a.m. (Eastern Time)
91.9 WNTI-FM, Hackettstown, NJ & streaming live at wnti.org
Website: jazzbob.com • Email: bob@jazzbob.com
If you'd prefer not to receive any future *Just Jazz* e-Newsletters, click [here](#)