



The name says it all...

# Just Jazz

August 2010

Hi Friends –

Anyone who knows me, knows that there is no one in the jazz world whom I hold in higher regard than saxophonist-composer-arranger **Frank Foster**. Well, last month, after fifty-five years, Frank finally reclaimed all the publishing rights to his best known composition, "[Shiny Stockings](#)."

Frank composed and arranged the song for the Count Basie band, of which he was an integral member for eleven years, back in 1955, but he naively signed away most of the publishing rights. And so, every time "Shiny Stockings" was recorded, someone else collected the bulk of the royalties for what quickly became a jazz standard.

But with the help of the Community Law Clinic of Rutgers University Law School, Frank managed to navigate that swamp called "U.S. copyright law," and at long last may republish "the one that got away," as he calls his signature tune, under his own name – and receive *all* of the future royalties. And what's more, filmmaker Brain Grady of [Jazz Legacy Films](#) now has a happy ending for his forthcoming documentary on Frank Foster.

Yeah, sometimes good things do happen to great people. **Congratulations, Uncle Frank!** (Click [Here](#) to read my 1992 profile of this jazz giant.)

Stay cool and keep list'nin',  
Bob

*I'm doing a live remote broadcast on Sunday, August 22, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern Time from the Skylands Music and Arts Festival in Blairstown, NJ. I'll be playing plenty of swing, jump, jive, early R&B, and maybe a little jazz, too. Tune in at 91.9 or [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](#). **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](#).



**Just Jazz Artist of the Month**  
**pianist Tommy Flanagan**  
(beginning August 8)

**Just Jazz Presents... Features**

- 8/1: **Great Vocal Duos**
- 8/8: Trombone Hour
- 8/15: Latin Jazz Hour
- 8/22: Big Band Hour
- 8/29: Singers Hour

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

**Just Jazz Presents with Bob Bernotas**

- 7/31 & 8/3: alto saxophonist Paul Desmond
  - 8/7 & 8/10: trombonist Curtis Fuller
  - 8/14 & 8/17: tenor saxophonist Dexter Gordon
  - 8/21 & 8/24: The Music of Billy Strayhorn
  - 8/28 & 8/31: The Songs of Duke Ellington
- Saturdays 9:00-10:00 a.m. & p.m.**  
**Tuesdays 11:00 p.m. –midnight**  
**@ [Pure Jazz Radio](#)**

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Jazz speaks for life. The Blues tell the story of life's difficulties, and if you think for a moment, you will realize that they take the hardest realities of life and put them into music, only to come out with some new hope or sense of triumph.

This is triumphant music.

Modern jazz has continued in this tradition, singing the songs of a more complicated urban existence. When life itself offers no order and meaning, the musician creates an order and meaning from the sounds of the earth which flow through his instrument.

— **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
**Opening Address to the 1964 Berlin Jazz Festival**

## 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, 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., 9:00-12:30 (Eastern Time).

## NEW & RECOMMENDED CDS

[Jon Blondell](#): **Alive! at the Elephant Room** ([Fable Records](#)): Trombonist Jon Blondell, a long-time fixture on the Austin, Texas, jazz scene, displays his superb chops and witty improviser's imagination in this vibrant quintet set, recorded in his city's top jazz venue. Blondell is living proof — take note, fellow NYC chauvinists — that there is plenty of fine jazz to be found west of the Hudson River, if you just take the time look for it.

[Allison Miller](#): **Boom Tic Boom** ([Foxhaven Records](#)): Drummer Allison Miller's second release as a leader is as much about the colors and textures of her chosen instrument as it is about rhythm and pulse. Pianist Myra Melford and bassist Todd Sickafoose make their own valuable additions to Miller's rich palette of primary and pastel hues, as does her special guest on selected tracks, violinist Jenny Scheinman.

[Harvie S](#): **Cocolamus Bridge** ([Blue Bamboo Music](#)): On his new release, bassist Harvie S exhibits his versatility as a player and a composer. Harvie's fluid technique and rich tone are well displayed on the Irish folk song "Eili Gheal Chiuin" (by a multitracked bass "choir") and Wayne Shorter's "Night Dreamer" (an intuitive duet with soprano saxophonist Woody Witt), as well as on six diverse, original works, performed with a fine group of Houston-based players.

[Roland Vazquez Band](#): **The Visitor** ([RVCD](#)): Percussionist Roland Vazquez steps away from the drums and takes his place in front of a nineteen-piece ensemble to conduct six original compositions, plus his mentor Clare Fischer's classic composition and arrangement, "Guarabé." Vazquez' writing is deep and dense, inspiring an array of outstanding soloists, who further enliven these evocative and frequently astounding works.

## AREA JAZZ EVENTS

**The 15th Annual [Litchfield Jazz Festival](#):  
Fri.-Sun. August 6-8 in Kent, CT**

The all-star line-up includes [Gabriel Alegria Afro-Peruvian Sextet](#), [Jane Bunnett & Spirits of Havana](#), [Gerald Clayton](#), [Anat Cohen](#), [Bela Fleck](#), [Arturo O'Farrill Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra](#), [Mario Pavone](#), [Dave Samuels Caribbean Jazz Project](#), and more, plus a **special 90th Birthday tribute to Dave Brubeck**.

Click [here](#) for tickets, the full three-day schedule, directions, and info on exhibitors and vendors, directions, travel accommodations, and more. Or call 860-361-6285.

**AND COMING UP NEXT MONTH!**

**Fri.-Sun, September 10-12**

**33rd Annual Celebration of the Arts**, Delaware Water Gap, PA  
Performers include [Eric Doney & Zach Brock](#), [Matt Vashlishan](#), [Urbie & Kathy Green with the Jesse Green Trio](#) featuring [John Jensen](#), [Michael Stephens' Spatial Edition](#), [Bob Dorough](#), [Dennis Jeter](#), [Nancy & Spencer Reed](#), [David Liebman](#), [Phil Woods & the COTA Festival Orchestra](#), and many others

**adult admission:** Fri.: \$8 / Sat. & Sun.: \$25 one day / \$40 both  
**discounted prices for seniors, students & children**

For schedule, directions, lodging, click [here](#) or call 570-424-2210

## 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: [events@wnti.org](#)

## 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.

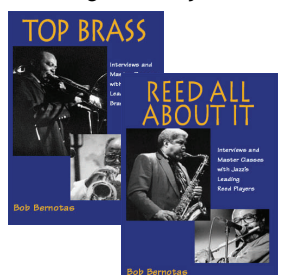
[The Deer Head Inn](#) Main St./Rt. 611,  
Delaware Water Gap, PA  
Jazz: Thurs., 8:00-11:00  
Fri. & Sat., 7:00-11:00  
Sun. 5:00-8:00 570-424-2000

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

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