

Twin Cities Jazz Society Announces 'Jazz from J to Z' Concert Series 2007-08

by Jerry Swanberg

The Twin Cities Jazz Society announces its 2007-08 "Jazz from J to Z" concert series in this July issue of "Jazz Notes." With 15 concerts presented by 25 different jazz groups, the upcoming season will be the biggest and best ever, fulfilling our mission to increase listening opportunities for jazz fans, to increase performance opportunities for local jazz musicians, and to promote public awareness of jazz. We are also fulfilling our mission to introduce young people to jazz with our four Jazz Educational Outreach Joint Concerts at four area high schools (Bloomington Kennedy, Minneapolis South, Eagan and Edina).

Last season's "Jazz from J to Z" series had a total audience of nearly 3,000, who heard 23 different groups with about 240 musicians. The new season will cover the most popular jazz styles as requested by our members, including big bands, vocal jazz, mainstream/straight ahead, contemporary/modern and traditional, plus, after a long absence, Latin jazz. Public support of the Twin Cities Jazz Society, particularly through concert attendance, is essential to the future of jazz performance in the Twin Cities. For more details, including times, addresses and ticket information, see the complete "Jazz from J to Z" schedule on page 3.

The 2007-08 "Jazz from J to Z" season begins on Sept. 22 with the **Jumpin' Jehosafats** traditional jazz band at St. Barnabas Center for the Arts in Plymouth, kicking-off the new "Jazz at St. Barneys" series. Up next will be our annual concert with the **University of Minnesota Jazz Ensemble I**, directed by Dean Sorenson, at Ted Mann Concert Hall in Minneapolis, on Oct. 18.

The mighty **U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors**, the premier jazz ensemble of the U.S. Army from Washington DC, and one of the best big bands in the world, are coming to town for two free "Jazz from J to Z" concerts. On Oct. 31 the Army Ensemble will be at Ted Mann Concert Hall, with the opening by the **University of Minnesota Jazz Combo** and on Nov. 1 at Bloomington Kennedy

High School, with the opening by the **Bloomington Kennedy High School Jazz Ensemble**.

This year, TCJS is proud to present two big band CD release parties. The first, by the **Gustavus Jazz Lab Band**, directed by Steve Wright, will be Nov. 10 at Minneapolis South High School, with the opening by the **South High**

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Macy's Day of Music at Orchestra Hall July 13 & 14

The Minnesota Orchestra's seventh annual Macy's Day of Music, featuring 24-hours of non-stop music, takes place in and around Orchestra Hall, in Minneapolis, from noon on July 13 until noon on July 14. The event will feature more than 300 musicians in 40-plus performances on six stages celebrating all genres: from jazz, funk and R&B to salsa, folk, country and classical. This round-the-clock event kicks off the Orchestra's annual Sommerfest month-long summer music festival.

Jazz performances on July 13:

noon -1 p.m.: Seven Steps to Havana (Latin) Peavey Plaza South Plaza

noon-1 p.m.: Jack Brass Band (New Orleans) WCCO-TV Plaza Stage

2-3 p.m.: Jetsam Organic Jazz Ensemble (modern) Backstage

2-3 p.m.: Janus Percussion (blues) Concert Hall Stage

3-4 p.m.: Gypsy Mania (swing) Peavey Plaza North Stage

4-5 p.m.: New Riverside Ramblers Band Peavey Plaza South Plaza

11:45 p.m.-1:30 a.m.: "Round Midnight," featuring vocalists:

Arne Fogel, Christine Rosholt, Connie Evingson,

Bruce A. Henry, and Debbie Duncan Concert Hall Stage

midnight: Jelloslave (part jazz) Backstage

July 14 is family-oriented with kid-activities and performances by MacPhail Center for Music and others. A variety of food vendors are a part of the festive atmosphere both days.

All Macy's Day of Music events are free and open to the public. Performances take place at Orchestra Hall, the adjacent Peavey Plaza, and nearby WCCO-TV Plaza, in downtown Minneapolis. FFI, visit <www.minnesotaorchestra.org> or call the Orchestra Hall Box Office, (612) 371-5656; toll-free (800) 292-4141.

—Press Release



Noteables at Peavey Plaza, June 29

TSgt Cully Joyce, Music Director (pictured at left) leads the U.S. Airforce Noteables Jazz Ensemble, from the Heartland of America Band from Offut AFB in Nebraska, at the Twin Cities Jazz Festival June 29 (5:15 p.m.). Presented by the Twin Cities Jazz Society, the Noteables' extensive repertoire of specially tailored standards, energetic favorites and big band classics, will be highlighted by instrumental and vocal soloists at the free, outdoor concert on Peavey Plaza (11th Street and Nicollet), downtown Minneapolis.



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See individual concert details in "Jazz Notes."
- Hopkins Center for the Arts "Jazz at the Center," <www.hopkinsartscenter.com>; (952) 979-1111 (Tues.-Sat., noon-6 p.m.).
- JazzMN Big Band season tickets through TicketWorks, (651) 209-6689; <www.ticketworks.com>. FFI, <www.jazzmn.org>.
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- 10% off new and used records, tapes, CDs and accessories at **Road Runner Records**, 4304 Nicollet Ave., Mpls., (612) 822-0613.
- \$10 off the first set of lessons at the **West Bank School of Music**, 1813 S. Sixth St., Mpls., (612) 333-6651.

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School Jazz Ensemble. The second, a concert and swing dance, by the **Wolverines Big Band** with vocalist Judi Donaghy, directed by Jendeen Forberg, will be held Nov. 23 at the Bloomington Knights of Columbus Hall.

We're having a "**Big Band Christmas**" at St. Barnabas Center for the Arts in Plymouth on Dec. 1, with music by the Good News Big Band and the Kevin Mills KC Gospel Orchestra.

One of the highlights of this season's series is the "**J.J. & Beyond—Celebrating the Jazz Trombonist**" concert, featuring two of the finest jazz trombonists in the country, Michael Nelson and Dave Graf, swinging in the style of the legendary J.J. Johnson and Kai Winding. The second set will feature the **Local Damaging Winds** trombone quartet with special guest vocalist Connie Evingson. Backing up both groups will be the Mary Louise Knutson Trio. The festivities take place at Bloomington Center for the Arts on Jan. 6.

Another tribute concert, "**I Get A Kick Out of Cole—the Cole Porter Songbook**," will feature vocalists Lee Engele, Rhonda Laurie, and Reeves Cary, plus pianist Laura Caviani, on Jan. 25 at the Bloomington Knights of Columbus Hall. On Feb. 7, the **Kelly Rossum Quartet** kicks off his new series, "Jazz Thursdays" at the MacPhail Center for

Music's new building.

The very successful show "**Sax Summit**" returns to the Hopkins Center for the Arts on March 15. Laura Caviani presents saxophonists Dave Karr, Kenni Holman, Percy Hughes and Kathy Jensen plus the JAZZAX quartet, with Pete Whitman, Greg Keel, Mike Walk and Dave Milne. On March 18, "Jazz from J to Z" will offer Latin jazz with **Seven Steps to Havana**, directed by Doug Little, and the **Eagan High School Jazz Ensembles**, at Eagan High School.

Up next is another of our very popular jazz vocalist tributes, this one titled "**Beyond Category: the Ellington and Strayhorn Songbook**," featuring Maud Hixson, Lucia Newell and Dennis Spears with the Rick Carlson Trio, on April 12 at the Bloomington Center for the Arts. How about some music from New Orleans, with the **Southside Aces**, six swinging young men, in concert with the **Edina High School Jazz Ensemble**, on April 25 at Edina High School.

The "Jazz from J to Z" concert series concludes with "**Swing Into Spring**," by the Century Jazz Ensemble, on May 18 at Century College in White Bear Lake.

FFI on the Twin Cities Jazz Society's "Jazz from J to Z" concert series, see the full schedule on page 3 of this issue of "Jazz Notes;" watch for info in further issues, and visit the TCJS web site, <www.TCJS.org>.

Medley

■ The mid-summer annual Doc Evans Memorial Festival will not be held this summer in Albert Lea, MN. Instead, the Doc Evans Jazz Festival for 2007 is being combined with the Carleton College Doc Evans Centennial Celebration on Oct. 5-6 in Northfield, MN. Watch for more info in a fall issue of "Jazz Notes," and visit <www.docevans.com>. S.B.

■ Patty Peterson, months after her life threatening emergency heart surgery, will return to the stage at the Fitzgerald Theater July 29, 7:30 p.m., to present "Heart of the Matter" with members of Minnesota's First Family of Music, the Peterson family, including the legendary Jeanne Arland Peterson, and some very special musical guests! Joining Patty and the Peterson Family this evening will also be "The Girls" and Patty's new jazz group featuring Donnie LaMarca, Bobby Vandell, Billy Franze and Tony Axtel.

Patty will be sharing her story in her own words of how she was saved and speak about her lengthy recovery process. The Peterson Family will donate all the proceeds from this concert to the Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. Tickets are available for \$29, \$25 and \$20 (+\$2.50 facility fee) through Ticketmaster, (612) 673-0404; <www.ticketmaster.com>; or visit in person at the Fitzgerald Box Office, (651) 290-1221. S.P.

■ *The Return of Slide Huxtable* is the debut CD from long time Minneapolis based quartet Slide Huxtable. Formed in 1998 as an offshoot of the Motion Poets, Slide Huxtable comprises of Mark Miller on trombone, Bill Bergmann on guitar, Chris Bates on bass and J.T. Bates on drums. The group initially played with regularity at St. Paul's Clown Lounge, but has gigged much more sporadically since Miller moved to New York City in 1999. The band's name is inspired by Bill Cosby's on-screen father Russell "Slide" Huxtable as played by Earle Hyman (trombone performed by Slide Huxtable). (continued on page 3)

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Concert Series 2007-08



Thursday, February 7 – 8 PM
Kelly Rossum Quartet—Kick-off of "Jazz Thursdays"
 MacPhail Center for Music—NEW BUILDING
 501 2nd Street South, Minneapolis 55401
 \$10 / TCJS members, \$7 / students, \$5

Saturday, March 15 – 7:30 PM
Sax Summit II
with Laura Caviani & Her Trio
 Saxophonists Dave Karr, Keni Holman,
 Percy Hughes & Kathy Jensen plus JAZZAX
 Hopkins Center for the Arts, Inc.
 1111 Mainstreet, Hopkins 55343
 \$24 / TCJS members & seniors, \$20
 Call (952) 979-1111 for tickets in August

Tuesday, March 18 – 7 PM
Seven Steps to Havana (Latin Jazz)
Eagan High School Jazz Ensembles
 Eagan High School
 4185 Braddock Trail, Eagan 55123
 \$10 / TCJS members, \$7 / students, \$5

Saturday, April 12 – 7:30 PM
"Beyond Category: the Ellington and Strayhorn Songbook"
 Featuring vocalists Maud Hixson, Lucia Newell
 & Dennis Spears with the Rick Carlson Trio
 Bloomington Center for the Arts
 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road, 55431
 \$19 / TCJS members, \$16
 Call (952) 563-8575 for tickets

Friday, April 25 – 7:30 PM
Southside Aces & Edina High School Jazz Ensemble
 Edina High School
 6754 Valley View Road, Edina 55439
 \$10 / TCJS members, \$7 / students, \$5

Sunday, May 18 – 3 PM
"Swing Into Spring"
Century Jazz Ensemble
 Century College
 3300 Century Ave. N., White Bear Lake 55110
 Free Admission & Parking

Saturday, September 22 – 7 PM
Jumpin' Jehosafats (trad jazz)
"Jazz at St. Barneys"

St. Barnabas Center for the Arts
 St. Barnabas Lutheran Church
 15600 Old Rockford Road, Plymouth, 55446
 \$10 / TCJS members, \$7

Thursday, October 18 – 7:30 PM
"Miles Smiles—The Music of Miles Davis"
University of MN Jazz Ensemble I
 Ted Mann Concert Hall,
 2128 4th Street South, Minneapolis 55455
 FREE Admission

Wednesday, October 31 – 7:30 PM
U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors
Jazz Ensemble
University of MN Jazz Combo
 Ted Mann Concert Hall
 2128 4th Street South, Minneapolis 55455
 FREE Admission

Thursday, November 1 – 7:30 PM
U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors
Jazz Ensemble
Bloomington Kennedy High School Jazz Ensemble
 Bloomington Kennedy High School
 9701 Nicollet, Bloomington 55420
 FREE Admission

Saturday, November 10 – 7:30 PM
Gustavus Jazz Lab Band CD Release Party
Minneapolis South High School Jazz Ensemble
 Minneapolis South High School,
 3131 19th Avenue South, Minneapolis 55407
 \$10 / TCJS members, \$7 / students, \$5

Friday, November 23 – 8 PM
Wolverines Big Band
Concert & Swing Dance / CD Release Party
 Bloomington Knights of Columbus Hall
 1114 American Boulevard, Bloomington 55420
 \$10 / TCJS & TC Swing members, \$7

Saturday, December 1 – 7 PM
"Big Band Christmas — Jazz at St. Barneys"
Good News Big Band & KC Gospel Orchestra
 St. Barnabas Center for the Arts
 St. Barnabas Lutheran Church
 15600 Old Rockford Road, Plymouth, 55446
 \$10 / TCJS members, \$7

Sunday, January 6 – 2 PM
"J.J. & Beyond
—Celebrating the Jazz Trombonist"
 Featuring Michael Nelson, Dave Graf & the
 Local Damaging Winds with the Mary Louise Knutson
 Trio plus special guest vocalist Connie Evingson
 Bloomington Center for the Arts
 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road, 55431
 \$19 / TCJS members, \$16
 Call (952) 563-8575 for tickets

Friday, January 25 – 7:30 PM
"I Get A Kick Out of Cole"
—Cole Porter Songbook
 Vocalists Lee Engele, Rhonda Laurie, &
 Reeves Cary plus Laura Caviani
 Bloomington Knights of Columbus Hall
 1114 American Boulevard, Bloomington 55420
 \$10 / TCJS members, \$7

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Hampton) in the '80s hit sitcom "The Cosby Show." The album contains nine tracks, five of which are original compositions. It will be available for purchase at the Electric Fetus, Cheapo, as well as iTunes, CD Baby and other web sites and locations TBD. The album will be made available for sale on July 12 (9 p.m.), when we celebrate our CD release with a gig at the Artist's Quarter in St. Paul. *M.M.*

■ July 9-13, Zeitgeist New Music Camp offers a five-day workshop for students ages 15 -18. Students will have the opportunity to create and perform new music with the musicians of Zeitgeist and a host of other musical guests! The workshops and a final public concert will be held at Studio Z, 275 E. 4th St., Suite 100, St. Paul on July 13, 7 p.m. FFI, call 651-755-1600 or e-mail <info@zeitgeistnewmusic.org>. *S.B.*

■ Internationally known bassist Herbie Lewis, who moved to the Twin Cities five

years ago, died May 18, 2007. He toured and recorded with many jazz musicians, including Bill Evans, Harold Land, Chico Hamilton, Joe Henderson and John Coltrane. *J.D.*

■ The annual Bix Beiderbecke Festival in Davenport, in July has honored his memory and musical influence for 36 years. They have always attracted the cream of the crop in dixieland jazz bands to the Mississippi River and 2007 is no exception for this festival on July 26-29. (FFI, see *Festivals under Concert Calendar*). *S.B.*

■ Michelle Renee Moline, age 52, died at age 52 in Eden Prairie, MN, June 7, 2007. She was a singer with the Wolverines for several years and performed with several Twin Cities area bands specializing in a Latin-feeling. (*Star Tribune*) *C.J.*

■ Nellie Lutcher, pianist, age 94, died June 8, 2007 in Los Angeles. She was most noted for her hits "Hurry on Down" and "He's a Real Gone Guy." Early in

her career she played for blues singer Ma Rainey. (*Pioneer Press*) *C.J.*

■ The Great River Big Band presents its 36th annual Gertrude Salzer Gordon Jazz In the Park series at Riverside Park, La Crosse, WI. On July 1, the band features Los Angeles vocalist Sunny Wilkinson at the Onalaska Omni Center/Soccer Field. The Great River Big Band, western Wisconsin's only jazz repertoire orchestra, was formed in 1972. Directed by UW-La Crosse Music Professor Greg Balfany, the band has 17 musicians from Wisconsin and Minnesota. The band has released three CDs and annually supports jazz scholarship funds at the UW-La Crosse Foundation. Concerts are free. Come early with a picnic and blanket to enjoy a mini rehearsal and sound check. The rain site is the City Brewery Hospitality Center, 115 Fifth Ave. S., LaCrosse, WI. *G.B.*

—Greg Balfany, Starla Barker, Jane Donahue, Carolyn Jackson, Mark Miller & Stuart Pastor

Jazz Music at the Hopkins Center

Hopkins Center for the Arts is proud to announce its upcoming concert series "Music at the Center 2007-08." The season, as always, includes events that should appeal to the jazz fan.

Moore By Four kicks off the season on Oct. 6, as music director Sanford Moore leads an all-star vocal jazz ensemble of Yolande Bruce, Ginger Commodore, Connie Evingson and Dennis Spears. They opened the Center in 1998 and they will open this year's tenth anniversary season in October.

On Oct. 20, the **Butch Thompson Trio** takes the stage. Pianist and clarinetist Butch Thompson is joined by bassist Marty Eggers and drummer Hal Smith in a concert of traditional jazz showcasing the music of such greats as Scott Joplin, Fats Waller, Jelly Roll Morton and more.

Special Event: The Peterson Family, Minnesota's First Family of Jazz, return to present its popular holiday concert on Nov. 29, 8 p.m., and Dec. 1, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. (tickets: \$24-\$34). Matriarch Jeanne Arland Peterson will be joined by her children: Linda, Billy, Patty, Ricky, and Paul, as well as other family members. Last year was the first time they presented their Christmas concert at Hopkins Center for the Arts—and the response was overwhelming. This year the Center is adding a third, matinee performance.

"**Songs from the Stage II**" takes place March 1, at 7:30 p.m. It will be a grand night for singing! Pianist, accordionist and raconteur Dan Chouinard, featuring Maria Jette, Prudence Johnson and Vern Sutton, will host an evening of song from musical theater and opera. There may be a chance to join in on a

tune or two.

Pianist/composer Laura Caviani presents "**Sax Summit II**" March 15. Caviani's trio (Gordy Johnson, Phil Hey) returns to host an evening of jazz featuring the saxes of Dave Karr, and Kathy Jensen, and new to Sax Summit, Kenni Holmen and Percy Hughes, plus JAZZAX comprised of Pete Whitman, Dave Milne, Michael Walk, and Greg Keel. This concert is co-presented by the Twin Cities Jazz Society.

The **The Four Freshmen** are coming to town May 3. This world famous jazz vocal quartet, featuring lead singer Brian Eichenberger, from Apple Valley, opened the Hopkins Center for the Arts 2006-07 concert series to a sold-out crowd of enthusiastic fans, and the group will be back to close the Center's 10th anniversary season with their trademark, timeless sound. This concert is sponsored in part by Jazz 88/KBEM-FM 88.5.

All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated, and will be held at the Hopkins Center for the Arts, 1111 Mainstreet, Hopkins.

For tickets and complete season information call (952) 979-1111 or visit <www.hopkinsartscenter.com>. Season ticket packages range from 3 events at \$57 to 9 events at \$162. Tickets go on sale August 2007. Single event ticket prices for the above events are \$24; senior (age 60 and older) or TCJS members, \$20; and fulltime students, \$12. Family rates for single events are \$48 for one to two adults and at least one but up to 3 children (additional tickets \$12). For information on educator discounts, group rates or season ticket pricing, please call (952) 979-1105.

—Press Release

Northrop Jazz Season

The 2007-08 "Northrop Jazz Season" launches its 14th year of concert hall jazz performances with an explosive lineup of some of jazz's most commendable artists, reflecting a variety of jazz styles.

Copresented by The Dakota, Northrop Jazz Season, and Orchestra Hall, the sequence begins with a performance by the **Pat Metheny Trio**, featuring Christian McBride and Antonio Sanchez, Oct. 14, at Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis (7 p.m.) One of the brightest stars in the jazz community, Pat Metheny has won countless "Best Jazz Guitarist" awards and three gold records, as well as 16 Grammy Awards. His trademarked style of loose and flexible articulation with an advanced rhythmic and harmonic sensibility has unquestionably proven itself. Seemingly bent on blurring and eliminating stylistic boundaries, Metheny always delivers on the endless promise of imagination and pure melody, constantly working to evolve the improvisational and sonic potential of his instrument. Joining Metheny will be one of the jazz world's most acclaimed bassists, Christian McBride, and international jazz drum sensation, Antonio Sanchez.

Musical Portraits from Heber Springs: Bill Frisell's Disfarmer Project, featuring Greg Leisz and Jenny Scheinman, will be held on Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., at the William and Nadine McGuire Theater, Walker Art Center. An eccentric and an outsider, photographer Mike Disfarmer took portraits of the residents of Heber Springs, Arkansas, in the 1940s, chronicling heartland America's working poor. Inspired by these arresting portrayals of postwar rural life, guitar genius Bill Frisell created an evening of new compositions. His atmospheric and innovative musical language offers a perfect complement to the photographer's images projected on multiple screens framing the stage. In a performance of diverse styles—including jazz, classical, and traditional Ozark fiddle music (which Disfarmer played)—Frisell is joined by violinist Jenny Scheinman and lap steel guitar virtuoso Greg Leisz.

Steven Bernstein's Millennial Territory Orchestra will play at the William and Nadine McGuire Theater, Walker Art Center on Dec. 1, at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Tearing into witty and funky

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JazzMN Big Band Season

Trumpeter **Wayne Bergeron** has impressed Twin Cities audiences in prior appearances and will do so again, on Oct. 13, when he solos with the **JazzMN Big Band** at Hopkins High School Performing Arts Center, as a part of the JazzMN Big Band 2007-08 Season.

TCJS and KBEM members receive a \$5 discount on series tickets (\$64 main floor,



Wayne Bergeron

\$59 balcony after discount). Call Ticket Works (651) 209-6689 to reserve tickets. Single tickets are on sale after July 4.

Other concerts in the series are: Jan. 19, **Chris Vadala**, saxophone; and March 22, **Kevin Mahogany**, vocals. All concerts are on Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., with free parking and no ticket handling fees. (FFI, see ad on page 7) —Press Release

'Jazz and Swing' Music at Orchestra Hall

The Minnesota Orchestra presents "Jazz and Swing at Orchestra Hall" for 2007-08, as part of its U.S. Bank Weekender Pops Series. The first group is **Tiempo Libre**, performing with the Minnesota Orchestra, featuring the world premiere of **Rumba Sinfonica**, on Nov. 16-17, 8 p.m. Take *Timba*, a step beyond salsa, zapped with jolts of funk and soul, merged with high-voltage Latin jazz and the hot seductive rhythms of Cuba, add the seven musicians of *Tiempo Libre*, one of the hottest Latin bands on the scene today, and get ready for a joyful performance. Miami-based *Tiempo Libre*, a multiple-Grammy-nominated ensemble, is the preeminent *Timba* band in the U.S., with two ecstatically reviewed CDs.

The world famous **Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra** takes the stage on Jan 21 at 7:30 p.m. This 15-piece all-star big band from New York City, led by jazz master and trumpeter Wynton Marsalis, performs the masterworks of

Duke Ellington, Charles Mingus, Dizzy Gillespie, Count Basie and other jazz greats, plus original compositions by Marsalis and other members of the group. It's used to international acclaim; as the U.K.'s Daily Telegraph says, "The Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra is the finest big band in the world today".

In the mid '90s the **Big Bad Voodoo Daddy** conjured up a full-on swing revival in the U.S. with an appearance in the film "Swingers." This group will appear at Orchestra Hall Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. After six years of experimenting with styles around the world, Big Voodoo Daddy is ready to explore and expand. The group appeared last year at the New Orleans Jazz Fest, where it created a entire CD with the essence of New Orleans, the soul of the south, and the blues of the bayou.

Irvin Mayfield and the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra will perform Feb. 22 at 8 p.m. Trumpeter and composer Irvin Mayfield has a mission: to bring authen-

tic New Orleans jazz to the world. That's why, in 2002, he founded the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra, which has become even stronger in the wake of Katrina. Join Mayfield and his dynamic, swinging, 16-piece big band in an exhilarating journey through New Orleans jazz, blues, swing and spirituals.

Vocalist **Dianne Reeves** will be at Orchestra Hall on March 2 at 8 p.m. This preeminent jazz vocalist won the Best Jazz Vocal Performance for three consecutive recordings, the first in any vocal category. She has also won a fourth Grammy for her singing in the film "Good Night." This fall she'll be featured in a documentary on the life of composer Billy Strayhorn. Reeves also has a brand new CD scheduled for release this fall.

Orchestra Hall season concert series tickets designed by you are available today. Single tickets go on sale July 13. For tickets call, (612) 371-5842; or visit <www.minnesotaorchestra.org>.

—Press Release

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new arrangements of little-known jazz nuggets from the 1920s and '30s, Steven Bernstein (Grammy-nominated composer/Sex Mob leader/trumpeter) leads an improvisational nine-piece outfit playing irreverent 21st-century jazz. The band is consistently praised for uniting sexy grooves spanning a century of music—from Don Redman to Sly Stone to the present—with free jazz abandon. The orchestra features Matt Munisteri, guitar; Ben Allison, bass; Charlie Burnham, violin; Ben Perowsky, drums; Erik Lawrence, Doug Wieselmann, and Peter Apfelbaum, reeds; Clark Gayton, trombone; and Bernstein, trumpet. Final line-up subject to change.

"**The Gospel According to Ramsey Lewis**" is Feb. 2, 8 p.m., at the Ted Mann Concert Hall. Representing the great musical diversity of his hometown of Chicago, composer, pianist, and jazz legend Ramsey Lewis is most notably referred to as "the great performer." Lewis' performance style and musical selections highlight his early days of gospel playing and classical training, along with his passionate love for jazz. Lewis has reached acclamation as one of the nation's most successful jazz pianists, and has received three Grammy Awards and seven gold records. His repertoire, however, does not end there. Recently

awarded Jazz Master by the National Endowment for the Arts, Lewis also hosts a Chicago weekday morning drive-time radio show, "The Ramsey Lewis Morning Show," syndicated nationwide.

The **Ravi Coltrane Quartet**, featuring Ravi Coltrane, saxophone; Luis Perdomo, piano; EJ Strickland, drums; and bassist to be determined, will perform at 7:30 p.m., March 6, at the Ted Mann Concert Hall. Coltrane is not only an astounding tenor and soprano saxophonist, but a superior band leader and composer as well. Born the second son of jazz masters John and Alice Coltrane, he grew up with an insider's appreciation for the jazz aura. Ravi Coltrane has fronted a variety of jazz lineups; recorded critically-hailed albums as leader; produced recordings by other artists; worked as sideman for jazz luminaries; overseen important jazz reissues; and founded an independent record label. Coltrane's repertoire extends from his own band to guest performances with experts McCoy Tyner, Carlos Santana, Herbie Hancock, Chick Corea, Mark Turner, and others.

The **Roy Haynes Quartet**, featuring Roy Haynes, drums; Jaleel Shaw, saxophone; John Sullivan, bass; and Martin Bejerano, piano; joins the Ravi Coltrane Quartet in a double billing on March 6 at 9 p.m. Percussive powerhouse Roy Haynes has influenced and innovated for

over 50 years, shaping some of the greatest recordings in jazz while altering the very fabric and direction of jazz improvisation with his mercurial, intelligent, joyous drumming. Having performed with legends, Haynes draws on the impact of a generation of masters for influence. Now calling his music "hard swing," Haynes is influencing the next generation of jazz and keeping his perennial focus on the flexibility and rhythmic innovations of his music.

The **Mike Vax Big Band** is scheduled to perform May 3, 8 p.m., at the Ted Mann Concert Hall, Minneapolis. Featuring alumni from the 1952-1978 Stan Kenton Orchestra, the Band performs some of Stan Kenton Orchestra's best music along with fresh new material written by members of the band. Mike Vax was a trumpet soloist in the Stan Kenton Orchestra until leading the band after Kenton passed away to keep his music alive. Vax leads his band to a sharp, swinging jive with explosive brass, saxophone, and solos by some of the best improvisers around. With a musical variety ranging from the swing era to the present, the repertoire continues to grow throughout the country.

FFI, visit <www.northrop.umn.edu>, or call (612) 624-2345. (See upcoming issues of "Jazz Notes.")

—Press Release

Concert Calendar

Events are subject to change; please call the venue for verification.

*See "Jazz Notes" Gigs listing for more information on concerts at clubs.

JUNE

Thru 7/1: Twin Cities Jazz Festival—featuring many great jazz concerts—updated performance list below.

Twin Cities Jazz Festival June 28-July 1 Schedule

There is still time to head downtown Minneapolis for great music at the Twin Cities Jazz Festival. Orchestra Hall presents "A Tribute to Duke Ellington" featuring Delfeayo and Branford Marsalis on June 28 (see *Concert Calendar*). Outdoor, free jazz performances are held in downtown Minneapolis at the Caribou Coffee Main Stage on Peavey Plaza (11th St. & Nicollet) and the Dakota Foundation for Jazz Education Stage. Other concerts will held at the Dakota Stage, 1010 Nicollet Mall. (See *Dakota under Gigs for times*)

June 28: Big George Jackson (Chicago/New Orleans blues), 5-7:15 p.m.—*Peavey Plaza*. Bruce Katz (\$10)—*Dakota Stage*

June 29: Ginger Commodore; Dan Kusz w/ special guest Ronny Loew; Grace Kelly; and Barbara Morrison—*Caribou Coffee Main Stage*. Willie West (from New Orleans) (\$15), and Jazz Fest Jam (\$3)—*Dakota Stage*.

June 30: Bill Crutcher; MITY; The Noteables Jazz Ensemble, from the USAF Heartland of America Band; Paul Stubblefield and Alex Han; and Charmain Neville—*Caribou Coffee Main Stage*.

June 30: IAJE Mid-Level State Honor Jazz Ensemble; Apple Valley High School Jazz Ensemble I; Kelly Rossum Quartet - History of Jazz Trumpet Clinic; IAJE MN Resource Team & Guests; and Dakota Combo Performance—*Dakota Foundation for Jazz Education Stage*. Willie West (from New Orleans) (\$15); Jazz Fest Jam (\$3)—*Dakota Stage*.

July 1: Triplicate; Charanga Tropical; and Nachito Herrera—*Caribou Coffee Main Stage*.

July 1: MacPhail Center for Music Jazz Faculty Performance and Open Jam Session; The Schubert Club Jazz Piano Competition Winners with MacPhail faculty—*Dakota Foundation for Jazz Education Stage*. Jazz Brunch - Minnesota Vocal Jazz Coalition; Frank Morgan, Irv Williams, Peter Schimke and guest Grace Kelly (\$20 & \$15 cover)—*Dakota Stage*.

FFI on the Twin Cities Jazz Festival (formerly the Hot Summer Jazz Festival) and all its events, call (612) 343-5943 or visit <www.hotsummerjazz.com>. The full schedule with times were listed in the June issue of "Jazz Notes."

28: "Ellington, Shakespeare, and Marsalis: Such Sweet Thunder," Branford Marsalis Octet, Orchestra Hall, 1111 Nicollet Mall, Mpls., 7:30 p.m., \$45, (612) 371-5656 (TCJF event).

28: Rich Lewis Band (acoustic soul/rhythm & bass), Minnehaha Falls, Mpls., 7 p.m.

28: Minnesota Institute for Talented Youth Jazz Ensemble (MITY), Macalester College, 1600 Grand Ave., St. Paul, 7 p.m. (651) 696-6000.

29: Acoustic music duo Ben Woolman & Dan Schwartz (folk/blues/pop/Latin/African), Lake Harriet Bandshell, 7:30 p.m.

30: "The Spirit of Ellington," a performance/lecture introducing the Scared Concerts of Duke Ellington with Janna Tull Steed, singer and author of "Duke Ellington: A Spiritual Biography" and pianist Dan Knight, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, 511 Groveland Ave., Mpls., 7 p.m., (612) 871-5303, <www.HAUMC.org>.

30: Folklorist "Nick Spitzer: American Routes" with musical guests Kermit Ruffins and the Barbecue Swingers (hot jazz—swinging hard) and The Pine Leaf

Boys (traditional Cajun and Creole music), Fitzgerald Theater, 10 E. Exchange St., St. Paul, 8 p.m., \$29, \$25, and \$20 (+\$2), Ticketmaster, (612) 673-0404; <www.ticketmaster.com> or in person at the Fitzgerald Box Office, (651) 290-1221.

JULY

1: "The Gospel According to Duke," a worship service featuring selections from the Scared Concerts, with Phil Mattson and Voices Iowa, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, 511 Groveland Ave., Mpls., 9:30 a.m., (612) 871-5303, <www.HAUMC.org>.

1: "With Love, from the Duke," a concert featuring the Ellington Echoes orchestra, under the direction of Percy Hughes, Phil Mattson and Voices Iowa and pianist Dan Knight in a program of Ellington standards and selections from his Sacred Concerts, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, 7 p.m., (612) 871-5303, <www.HAUMC.org>.

1: "Grateful for The Cedar," featuring Eight Head, The Big Wu, God Johnson, The Brass Kings and Charlie Parr, in an end-of-season benefit for "The Cedar Cultural Center."

1: The Great River Big Band features Los Angeles vocalist Sunny Wilkinson, Onalaska Omni Center/Soccer Field, Riverside Park, La Crosse, WI., 7 p.m., free. (See *Medley on page 3* & see *Coda for more July jazz concerts.*)

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Summer Jazz Concert Calendar Guide 2007

The following guide provides additional information for summer jazz concerts listed in the TCJS "Jazz Notes" Concert Calendar. Pack a lawn chair or blanket in your car in case needed. Concerts are free and begin at times listed below unless otherwise indicated.

Brookview Park (Picnic Shelter), Winnetka Ave. & Brookview, Golden Valley, 7 p.m. (763) 512-2345. If rain, concerts will be held in the Brookview Community Center. (7/16 & 30)

Centennial Lakes Park Amphitheater, 7499 France Ave. S., Edina, 7 p.m., (612) 832-6790. If rain, concerts will be indoors: Edinborough Park, 7700 York Ave. S., Edina, <www.centenniallakespark.com>. (7/1 & 9)

Como Lakeside Pavilion Promenade, 1360 N. Lexington Pkwy., Como Park, St. Paul, 7 p.m., <www.ci.stpaul.mn.us>. (651) 266-6400. (7/4, 8, 15, 30 & 31)

Hopkins Music in the Park, Hopkins Downtown Park, 16 9th Ave. S. (just south of the clock tower), 7 p.m. Refreshments available. If rain: Hopkins Activity Center (33 14th Ave. N.). FFI, (952) 988-5350. (7/19 & 26)

Lake Harriet Bandshell, 4135 W. Lake Harriet Parkway, Mpls., 7:30 p.m., (612) 230-6475, <www.minneapolisparcs.org> (6/29, 7/11, 12, 23, 24 & 31)

Minnehaha Falls, 4801 Minnehaha Ave. S., Mpls., 7 p.m. If rain, concerts will be in the Minnehaha Falls Pavilion. (612) 230-6400, <www.minneapolisparcs.org/> (6/28 & 7/24)

Minnesota History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, features its annual "Nine Nights of Music", outdoor, free concerts on Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. Bring a lawn chair. Nominal parking fee. (7/3, 10, 24)

Music at the Zoo MN Zoo Amphitheater, Apple Valley, 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call Ticketmaster, (651) 989-5151. \$5 parking fee. (7/14, 27)

Northrop Plaza, Northrop Auditorium Plaza, 84 Church St., S.E., Mpls., noon to 1 p.m., (612) 624-6235. If rain, concerts will be inside Northrop Auditorium. <www1.umn.edu/umato/welcome.html>. (7/2, 11, 18 & 23)

Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th and Chalet Rd., Bloomington, 7 p.m., <http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us>. 7/17, 19 & 21)

Peavey Plaza - Orchestra Hall Sommerfest, 11th and Nicollet Mall, downtown, Mpls. 5:30 & 9:45 p.m. or time listed with events. (6/28, 30, 7/1, 14, 13-14, 19, 20, 21, 24, 26, 27, 28)

Staring Lake Amphitheater, 14800 Pioneer Trail, Eden Prairie, 7 p.m.. (7/11, 22 & 27)

Wolfe Park, Veteran's Memorial Amphitheater, 3700 Monterey Dr., St. Louis Park, 7-8 p.m. If weather is questionable, call (952) 924-2567. (7/8, 11 & 18)

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- 1: ♪ Just Friends Big Band, Centennial Lakes Park, Edina, 7 p.m.
- 2: ♪ Eileen May & Dave Alstead (jazzy cabaret classics), Northrop Plaza, noon.
- 3: Buckwheat Zydeco, *Dakota Jazz Club.
- 3: ♪ Charanga Tropical, MN History Center.
- 4: The Pig's Eye Jass Band performs for a parade, 10:30 a.m., along Como Ave. to Langford Park in St. Anthony Park and then a concert, Langford Park, St. Paul, 12-2 p.m., free.
- 4: Mouldy Figs, American Legion Post 48, 103 3rd St. S., Stillwater, pre-fireworks, 6-10 p.m., (651) 439-1435.
- 4: Red Rock Swing Band, Ojibway Park Bandshell, Woodbury, 7 p.m.
- 4: Vic Tedesco & Debbie Bigelow, Taste of Minnesota, St. Paul, noon.
- 4: St. Croix Jazz Orchestra, Pioneer Park, 2nd St. & Laurel, Stillwater, 7 p.m., free.
- 4: Roseville Big Band, Central Park Amphitheater, Lexington Ave. & Co. Rd. C, Roseville, 7:30 p.m., free, (651) 415-2100, <www.ci.roseville.mn.us>
- 4: Cedar Avenue Big Band, Hazelwood Park, Maplewood, 7:30 p.m.
- 4: Jazz on the Prairie Big Band, Round Lake, Eden Prairie, 5:30 p.m.
- 5: Vocalist Dorothy Doring, Marketfeat, White Bear Lake, 7 p.m.
- 6 & 20: Lee Engele Jazz Trio, Fairview Bridges Restaurant, 500 Harvard St., Mpls., 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., free. Outdoor Summer Jazz and Bar-B-Q on the Diehl Hall Plaza. If rain, events will be held indoors.
- 8: ♪ Jazz on the Prairie Big Band, Wolfe Park.
- 8: ♪ Beasley's Big Band with featured vocalist Christine Rosholt, Como Park.
- 9: ♪ Calhoun Isles Dixieland Band, Centennial Lakes, Edina, 7 p.m.
- 9: Milo Fine, Davu Seru, Charles Gillett, and Stefan Kac, Improvised Music at Homewood Studios, 2400 Plymouth Ave. N., Mpls., 7 p.m., \$5 (612) 587-0230.
- 10: Classic Big Band & the Nostalgics, Boerboom Park, Central Ave. & 4th St., Osseo, 7 p.m.
- 10: Reuben Ristrom (dixieland), Central Park, Brooklyn Center, 7 p.m.
- 10: Banjo Bandits (trad), Town Square Park, 10802 Town Square Dr., Blaine, 7 p.m.
- 10: ♪ Bruce A. Henry, MN History Center.
- 10-11: Roomful of Blues, *Dakota Jazz Club.
- 11: Javier Santiago, Miguel Hurtado, *Artists' Quarter.
- 11: ♪ Debbie Duncan, Lake Harriet, Mpls.
- 11: ♪ Vic Tedesco Octet, Wolfe Park.
- 11: ♪ After Five Vocal Ensemble, Staring Lake.
- 11: Brio Brass, Richard Walton Park, Oakdale, 7 p.m.
- 11: ♪ Gypsy Mania, Northrop Plaza.
- 11: Lake Superior Ragtime Society presents "An Evening in Ragtime Music," Dry Dock Restaurant and Bar Banquet Facility, 2820 Midway Rd., Duluth, MN, 6-9 p.m., (715) 394-4319.
- 11: Pig's Eye Jass Band, New Richmond, WI, Hillside Series, 6:30-8 p.m., free.
- 12: Mark Miller (trombone), Bill Bergmann (guitar), Chris Bates (bass) & J.T. Bates (drums) CD Release, *The Return of Slide Huxtable*, *Artists' Quarter.
- 12: ♪ Red Rock Swing Band, Lake Harriet.
- 12: Paula Lammers with Cloud Nine, Groundbreaking Ceremony for Burnsville Performing Arts Center, Nicollet Commons Park, Burnsville, 8 p.m.
- 12: Bend in the River Big Band, Lakefront Park, Hudson, WI, 7 p.m.
- 13: Axis Mundi 5-piece, St. Anthony Main Courtyard, 219 SE Main St., Mpls., 7:30-10:30 p.m., free, (612) 378-1226.
- 13: Zeitegeist New Music Camp final public concert, Studio Z, 275 E. 4th St., Ste. 100, St. Paul, 7 p.m. FFI, (651) 755-1600 or e-mail, <info@zeitegeistnewmusic.org>
- 13-14: Macy's Day of Music (See page 1.)
- 14: ♪ Dave Koz and Friends; David Benoit & Phil Perry, Music in the Zoo, \$45.
- 14: Charanga Tropical, Bastille Day Fest, Theater de la Jeune Lune, Mpls., 6 p.m.
- 14: Lake Park Jazz Fest, Lake Winona J.C. Pavilion, Winona, MN, free outdoor concerts: 11 a.m., student dixieland bands; 12-2 p.m., Barbary Coast Jazz Band; 2-4 p.m., Gate City Jazz Band; 4-6 p.m., Turkey River All-stars. FFI, Duane Peterson, (507) 452-2277.
- 14: ♪ The New Primitives, Peavey Plaza.
- 14: Big Stoop (big band), River Fest, downtown Anoka, between 2nd & 3rd Ave., noon, free.
- 15: Jazz Vocalists of Minnesota CD Release, *Vocallage*, *Artists' Quarter.
- 15: ♪ Stan Bann Big Band, Como Park.
- 16: ♪ Gypsy Mania quartet, Brookview Park.

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Old Log Theater 'Sounds for Summer'

"Sounds for the Summer" Concert Series at the Old Log Theater, is a series of nine concerts designed for great summertime entertainment. The series started in June and continues throughout the summer months.

It's back to an evening of great jazz and dixieland when the **Upper Mississippi Jazz Band** takes the stage on July 16. This outstanding group of musicians has been performing together since 1971 and features jazz guitarist Reuben Ristrom and clarinetist Dick Ramberg.

One of the country's top jazz pianists, **Butch Thompson**, will bring his inimitable musician style to the stage on July 30. Butch has often appeared on the "Prairie Home Companion" show with Garrison Keillor and hosts his own radio show on Sunday evenings.

Girl Singers of the Hit Parade will present a program of music made popu-

lar by other girl singers of the past, including Rosemary Clooney, Doris Day, Connie Francis, Patti Page, and Peggy Lee. They will perform August 6.

Charlie Boone and Roger Erickson return to the Old Log Theater on August 13 and 14 with a great show for a great showman ... Don Stolz at 90. The program will feature Reuben Ristrom and his band, 90 years of worst jokes, and a million laughs.

The "Sounds for Summer" series will wind up with a wonderful evening of gospel music presented by Minnesota's most outstanding gospel singers and musicians.

All performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. with tickets priced at \$22. Reservations for all of the "Sounds for Summer" concerts can be made by calling the Old Log Theater at (952) 474-5951.

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- 16: Upper Mississippi Jazz Band, Old Log Theater Sounds for Summer, 5175 Meadville St., Excelsior, 8 p.m., \$22, (952) 474-5951. (See article on pg. 7.)
- 17: ♪ Jazz on the Prairie Big Band, Normandale Lake, Bloomington, 7 p.m.
- 18: The Neville Brothers, The Big Easy Sound—Aaron, Art, Charles and Cyril, pay tribute to their hometown of New Orleans, Orchestra Hall, 1111 Nicollet Mall, Mpls., 8 p.m., \$25-\$45, Box Office, (612) 371-5656; <boxoffice@mnorch.org>; <www.minnesotaorchestra.org>.
- 18: ♪ Triplicate, Northrop Plaza.
- 18: Paula Lammers with Reeves Cary, "Wednesday in the Park Series," Burnsville Civic Center Amphitheatre (Nicollet Ave. & 132nd St.), Burnsville, 7 p.m.
- 18: ♪ Banjo Bandits (dixie), Wolfe Park.
- 19: ♪ Jumpin' Jehosafats (trad), Hopkins Downtown Park, 7 p.m.
- 19: ♪ Robbinsdale City Band (big band swing), Peavey Plaza, 5-7:15 p.m.
- 19: Classic Big Band, Victory Memorial Drive Flaggpole, Mpls., 7 p.m.
- 19: Percy Hughes' Ellington Echoes (mini big band), Augsburg Park, Richfield, 7 p.m.
- 19: Brady's Big Band, Marketfest, White Bear Lake, 7 p.m.
- 19: Jazz on the Prairie Big Band, City Park, Chanhassen, 7 p.m.
- 19: ♪ Stan Bann Big Band, Normandale Lake.
- 20: ♪ Mouldy Figs (old-time jazz/variety), Peavey Plaza, 10 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
- 20: Reynold Philisek (jazz guitar), Purgatory Creek, Eden Prairie, noon.
- 20 Lee Engele Jazz Trio, Southwest Station, & 31: 13500 Technology Dr., Eden Prairie, 4-6 p.m., free.
- 20-21: Michael Buble, Orpheum Theater, 910 Hennepin Ave., Mpls., 8 p.m., \$103-\$73, Ticketmaster, <www.ticketmaster.com>; in person at the State Theatre Box Office, or call (612) 673-0404.
- 21: ♪ Ticket to Brasil, 3:15 p.m.; Salsa del Soul, 4:30 p.m., Normandale Lake.
- 21: ♪ Charanga Tropical, Peavey Plaza.
- 22: ♪ Jazz on the Prairie Big Band, Staring Lake.
- 23: ♪ Brio Brass, Lake Harriet Bandshell.
- 23: ♪ Vocalist Signe Hensel, Northrop Plaza.
- 24: ♪ Twin City Show Chorus of Sweet Adelines International (a capella harmony—traditional barbershop, pop, gospel, and swing), Lake Harriet.
- 24: ♪ Minneapolis Police Band (big band swing), Peavey Plaza, 5-7:15 p.m.
- 24: Brio Brass, Town Square Park, 10802 Town Square Dr., Blaine, 7 p.m., free.
- 24: Don King Band (blues/jazz), Minnetonka Civic Center, 14600 Mtka. Blvd., Mtka., 7 p.m.
- 24: ♪ Westside Trombone Quartet, Minnehaha Falls.
- 24: Cliff Brunzell & the Golden Strings, Boerboom Park, Central Ave. & 4th St., Osseo, 7 p.m.
- 24: ♪ New Riverside Ramblers (Cajun), MN History Center.
- 25: Stan Bann Big Band, Wayzata Depot, 402 E. Lake St., Wayzata, 7 p.m.
- 26: Jazz & gospel vocalist siblings, The Steeles, "How Sweet the Sound" with special guest Robert Robinson, Orchestra Hall, 1111 Nicollet Mall, Mpls., 7:30 p.m., \$20-\$35., Box Office, (612) 371-5656; <boxoffice@mnorch.org>; <www.minnesotaorchestra.org>.
- 26: Bend in the River Big Band, Excelsior Commons Bandshell, 7 p.m.
- 26: ♪ Stan Bann Big Band, Hopkins Downtown Park, 7 p.m.
- 26: Vic Tedesco Octet, Hilde Performance Center, 3400 Plymouth Blvd., Plymouth, 7 p.m.
- 26: ♪ Axis Mundi, Peavey Plaza, 5-7:15 p.m.
- 27: ♪ Subdudes & Marcia Ball, Music at the Zoo, \$28.
- 27: ♪ Maud Hixson Trio, Peavey Plaza.
- 27: ♪ Beth Molberg Trio, Staring Lake.
- 28: ♪ Ticket to Brasil, Peavey Plaza.
- 29: The Peterson Family & Friends present "Heart of the Matter," Patty Peterson's celebration of her return to the stage, Fitzgerald Theater, 10 E. Exchange St., St. Paul, 7:30 p.m., \$29, \$25 and \$20 (+\$2.50 facility fee), Ticketmaster, (612) 673-0404; <www.ticketmaster.com>; or in person at the Fitzgerald Box Office, (651) 290-1221. (See Medley, page 2.)
- 29: Debbie Bigelow, Nicollet Commons Park, Nicollet Ave. along 126th St., Burnsville, 7 p.m.
- 30: Butch Thompson, Old Log Theater Sounds for Summer, 5175 Meadville St., Excelsior, 8 p.m., \$22, (952) 474-5951.
- 30: ♪ Banjo Bandits (dixie), Brookview Park, Golden Valley, 7 p.m.
- 30: ♪ Somewhat Dixieland Band with vocalist Lee Engele, Como Lakeside.
- 31: Vocalist Signe Hensel, Minnetonka Civic Center, 14600 Mtka. Blvd., Mtka., 7 p.m.
- 31: New Riverside Ramblers, Lakeside Park, Forest Lake, 7 p.m.
- 31: ♪ Roseville Big Band, Central Park Bandshell, Roseville, 7:30 p.m.
- 31: ♪ Stan Bann Big Band, Lake Harriet.
- 31: ♪ Bend in the River Big Band, Como Park.

AUGUST

- 1: Ann Hampton Callaway: Broadway Swings, with the Minnesota Orchestra and special guest Tony DeSare, Orchestra Hall, 1111 Nicollet Mall, Mpls., 7:30 p.m., \$16-\$45, Box Office, (612) 371-5656; <boxoffice@mnorch.org>; <www.minnesotaorchestra.org>.
- 1: Bill Chase Revisited Tribute Concert & Trumpet Summit, with trumpeter Eric Myashiro, MN Music Cafe, 499 Payne Ave., St. Paul, 9 p.m., \$20, <ticketweb.com>, (866) 468-3401.
- 1: ♪ Buddy Guy (blues), MN Zoo, \$39.

JAZZ FESTIVALS

- June 22-July 1:** Twin Cities Jazz Festival (formerly the Hot Summer Jazz Festival), Mpls./St. Paul, MN, (612) 343-5943; <www.hotsummerjazz.com>.
- July 26-29:** Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival, Davenport, IA, (319) 324-7170; <www.bixsociety.org>.

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July 2007

Andiamo Boats / St. Croix, (651-430-1234), <www.andiamo-ent.com>, 525 S. Main St., Stillwater. Sat., Emperors of Jazz, 5:30 p.m.; Sun., 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. Call for reservations.

Padelford Boats / Mississippi (651-227-1100 or 800-543-3908), <www.riverrides.com>, Harriet Island, St. Paul. Sunset Dinner Cruise (\$36), 6:30 p.m., every Fri. through September includes jazz entertainment (charters available). 7/6, Maud Hixson, 6:30 p.m.

Magnolia Blossom Cruise (651-690-2739), Watergate Marina, 2500 Crosby Farm Rd., St. Paul. (Entrance at Shepard and Gannon Rds.) 7/29, Dean Brewington Quartet, 3-5:30 p.m.

Taylor Falls Scenic Cruises / St. Croix (651-465-6315; 800-447-4958), <www.wildmountain.com> Taylor Falls, MN. Fri./Sat. dinner cruises (\$35.95) include live jazz, bluegrass or piano.

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Acadia Cafe (612-874-8702), <acadiacafe.com>, 1931 Nicollet Ave. S., Mpls. Every Tues., improv. & experimentation—some jazz.

Amore Coffee (651-222-6770), 917 Grand Ave., St. Paul. Every other Sun., Polson & Solberg w/ vocalist Nancy Harms, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Arnellia's (651-642-5975), <arnellias.com>, 1183 University Ave., St. Paul. Every Fri., Sat. & Sun., R&B and blues.

Artists' Quarter (651-292-1359), <artistsquarter.com>, 408 St. Peter St., in the basement of the Hamm Building, St. Paul. (Enter on 7th Place. Parking avail. on the street & nearby ramps.) Every Mon., Green, 7-9 p.m. / Poetry Slam, 9 p.m., no cover (7/2, 8 p.m., \$5). Every Tues., B-3 Organ Night—The Tuesday Night Band, (Downtown Bill Brown (B-3), Kenny

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Aug. 2-5: Great River JazzFest. FFI, contact the La Crosse Area Jazz Society, P.O. Box 3081, La Crosse, WI, 54602, (608) 791-1190, <www.la.crossejazz.com>.

Aug. 18: Burnsville Art & Jazz Festival, MN.

Sept. 28-30: Lake Superior Ragtime Society's 2007 Festival, Radisson Hotel, Duluth, MN. FFI, call Tim Sandor, (715) 394-4319 or Sandy Williams, (218) 724-7696; <lsrs@cpinternet.com>, <rags@cpinternet.com>; <www.cpinternet.com/~tsandor>.

Jan. 9-12, 2008: 35th Annual IAJE International Conference, Toronto, Canada.

—Starla Barker, Jane Donahue & Jan & Jerry Swanberg

Please send your concert information by July 10 for the August 2007 issue of Jazz Notes to: TCJS Jazz Notes, 2550 134th Ave. N.W., Andover, MN 55304; <tcjsnews@usinternet.com>; (763) 862-5694; or fax (763) 754-1985.

Thank you!

Harrington Foundation Presents: 'Summer Sounds' 2007

The Harrington Foundation, a non-profit organization founded in 1978 to raise funds for college scholarships presents its annual Summer Sounds fundraiser July 16 at the Calhoun Beach Club in Minneapolis featuring top notch bands, a light buffet supper, and silent auction items up for bid. Jazz entertainment this year includes: Debbie Duncan, Dorothy Doring, Bill Duna Jazz Combo, Lawrence Hutera, New Primitives, and the Parisota Hot Club, as well as the Aquatennial Royalty and other special guests.

"Summer Sounds" is open to the public. Dinner and music will begin at 6 p.m. with the presentation of scholarships awarded later in the evening. Ticket prices are \$40/advance and \$50 at the door. FFI, and tickets, call: (952) 928-7477; <www.harringtonfdn.org>.

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Horst, drums; Gary Berg, sax; & Billy Franze, guitar), 9 p.m., \$4. Jazz every Wed. thru Sat., usually 9 p.m., \$4-\$10 cover. 6/29-30, Dean Magraw Trio. 7/11, Javier Santiago, Miguel Hurtado (9 p.m., \$4); 7/12, trombonist Mark Miller, guitarist Bill Bergmann, bassist Chris Bates, & drummer J.T. Bates CD Release for *The Return of Slide Huxtable*, (see *Medley on page 2*), 9 p.m., \$7 (CD, \$10 at the door); 7/13-14, Happy Apple, 9 p.m., \$12; 7/15, Jazz Vocalists of Minnesota CD Release, *Vocallage*, 7 p.m., \$6; 7/18, Fat Kid Wednesdays; 7/19, Tanner Taylor Trio; 7/20-21, Debbie Duncan; 7/25, Dave Hagedorn and Dan Cavanheh; 7/26, Phil Hey Quartet.

Aster Café (612-379-3138), 125 SE. Main St., Mpls. Every Fri., Honeysuckle Rose (Hot Club style music), 6:30 p.m.

Bennett's Chop and Railhouse (651-228-1408), 1305 W. 7th St. (Victoria and West 7th), St. Paul. 7/31, Bill Evans New Orleans Jazz Band, 7-10 p.m.

Birchwood Cafe (612-722-4474), 3311 E. 25th St., Mpls. 7/2, 16 & 30, John Devine and 7/9 & 23, Scott Mateo Davies, 6 p.m.

Bloomington Knights of Columbus (952-888-1492), 1114 American Blvd., Bloomington. 7/13, Classic Big Band & the Nostalgics (swing dance), 8 p.m.

Cafe Havana (612-338-8484), 119 Washington Ave. N., Mpls. Music on Fri.-Sat.

Casper & Runyon's Shamrocks Irish Nook (651-228-9925), 995 W. 7th St., St. Paul. 7/8 & 22, Mouldy Figs, 6-9 p.m.

Cedar Cultural Center (612-338-2674), <www.thecedar.org>, 416 Cedar Ave. S., Mpls. 7/1, "Grateful for The Cedar," featuring Eight Head, The Big Wu, God Johnson, The Brass Kings & Charlie Parr—an end-of-season benefit for The Cedar! 6:30 p.m., \$20 min. donation.

Cherokee Sirloin Room (651-457-2729), 886 Smith Ave. W., St., Paul. Every Sat., Jeff Kartak, 8-11 p.m.

Cinema Ballroom (651-699-5910), 1560 St. Clair Ave., St. Paul. Every Sun., ballroom dancing with Jerry O'Hagan and his Orchestra featuring vocalist Charmin Michelle, 7-10 p.m., \$12 (student discount with student ID.)

The Clown Lounge at the Turf Club (651-647-0486), 1601 University Ave. St. Paul. Live Jazz Mondays, 10:30 p.m.

Coffee Grounds (651-644-9959), <thecoffee grounds.net>, 1579 Hamline, Falcon Heights. Every other Sun, Open Microphone w/ Bill Hammond, 6 p.m.

Columbia Grounds (612-781-7873), 3301 Central Ave. N.E., Mpls. Every Tues., Summer Jazz with The Jack Trio, 5 p.m.

Crave Restaurant in the Galleria (952-697-6000), <www.cravemn.com>, 3520 Galleria, Edina. Every Fri., keyboardist Laura Caviani and vocalist(s), 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

Cue at the Guthrie (612-225-6499), <cueat guthrie.com>. 6/30, 7/13 & 27, Maud Hixson Quartet w/ pianist Mary Louise Knutson, 8 p.m.

D'Amico Cucina (612-338-2401), <damico.com>, 100 N. 6th St., Butler Square Bldg., Mpls. Every Fri.-Sat., Benny Weinbeck and Gordy Johnson Duo, 7:30-11:30 p.m.

Dakota County Music Café (952-435-2100), 14201 Nicollet Ave. S., Burnsville. Live jazz 6:30-10:30 p.m. every Fri. and Sat., no cover. 6/29-30, vocalists Reeves Cary & Paula Lammers, 7-11 p.m. 7/21, Paula Lammers, 8 p.m.-12 a.m.

Dakota Jazz Club & Restaurant (612-332-1010), <dakota cookscom>, 1010 Nicollet Mall, Mpls. (Parking at 10th & LaSalle ramp). Live jazz during Happy Hour 4:30-6:30 p.m.: Thurs., JoAnn Funk Trio. Every Fri., Irv Williams, Peter Schimke and Ron Fosse, 4:30-7 p.m. 6/28, Bruce Katz, 8 p.m., \$15; 6/29-30, Willie West (from New Orleans), 8 p.m., \$15; 6/29-30, Late Night: Twin Cities Jazz Festival Jam, 11:30 p.m., \$3; 7/1, Hot Summer Jazz Fest Brunch with the Jazz Vocalists of Minnesota, featuring vocalists: Dorothy Doring, Connie Dusseau, Lee Engele, Sue Tucker, Nancy Harms, Paula Lammers, Donna Larson,

Rhonda Laurie, Greg Marquardt, Vicky Mountain and Christine Rosholt, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; 7/1, Frank Morgan Peter Schimke & Irv Williams with 14 year-old alto sax prodigy, Grace Kelly, 7:30 & 9:30 p.m. (\$20/\$15); 7/3, Buckwheat Zydeco, 7 & 9 p.m. (\$27/\$17); 7/10-11, Roomful of Blues, 7 & 9 p.m. (\$27/\$17); 7/23, Christine Rosholt, 7 p.m.; 8/8-9, Booker T. & the M.G.s.

Duffy's Saloon (763-425-0310), Central Ave., Osseo, MN. Live jazz every Sat., 6-9 p.m.

Eagles Club (612-729-4469), 2507 E. 25th St., Mpls. Every Mon., Willie Murphy. 6/28, Rockin' Pinecones, 8-10:30 p.m.

Erte Restaurant and Peacock Lounge (612-623-4211), <ertedining.com>, 29 13th Ave. N.E., Mpls. Music, sometimes jazz, every Fri. & Sat., 7-10 p.m. 6/29, Daddy Squeeze Trio.

Famous Dave's BBQ (612-822-9900), 3001 Hennepin Ave. S., (in Calhoun Square), Mpls. Call for blues schedule.

Fireside Pizza (612-869-4040), 6736 Penn. Ave. S., Richfield. Usually every Mon. & Wed., Charmin Michelle & Denny Malmberg, 7-9 p.m., no cover.

First Course (612-825-6900), 5607 Chicago Ave. S., Mpls. 6/29, John Devine, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Half Time Rec (651-488-8245) <halftime rec.com>, 1013 Front Ave., St. Paul. Free live music Tues.-Thurs., sometimes jazz or blues.

Ingredients Café (651-426-6611), <ingredientscafe.com>, 4725 Hwy. 61 N., White Bear Lake. Thurs.-Sat., jazz and blues.

Jitters (612-617-1111), 205 E. Hennepin Ave., Mpls. (downstairs in Times Bar & Café) Open Tues.-Sat., 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Every Wed., Davina and the Vagabonds, 10 p.m.

Kitty Cat Klub (612-331-9800), 315 14th Ave. S.E., Mpls. Usually some jazz every month.

Kozlak's Royal Oak (651-484-8484), 4785 Hodgson Rd., Shoreview. Every Sun., Fred Richardson Trio, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Lisa's Place (952-448-7622), 205 Broadway N., Carver, MN. Every Wed., Eleganzos and guests, 8-11 p.m.

Loring Pasta Bar & Cafe (612-378-4849), <loringcafe.com>, 327 14th Ave. S.E., Mpls. Pasta Bar/music, 6 p.m. Every Sun., Mandragora Tango. Every Wed. & Thurs., John Devine. Every Fri., James "Cornbread" Harris. 6/30 & 7/27, Loe and the Nastys; 7/6, Davies/Pemberton/Devine; 7/13, Ticket to Brasil; 7/20, Parisota Hot Club.

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22nd Annual Great River Jazz Fest August 2-5, 2007

Fest Locations:

South Side Fest Grounds
La Crosse Center Ballroom
both in downtown La Crosse.

Prices:

VIP all-events, \$125
Patron all-events, \$100
Session tickets \$15/adv. or \$17/gate

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www.lacrossejazz.com

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Mainstreet Bar & Grill (952-938-2400), 814 Main St., Hopkins. 7/1, 15 & 29, Mouldy Figs, 4-7 p.m.

Matty B's Supper Club (651-291-0404) <mat tybs.com>, 354 Wabasha St., St. Paul. Live music Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.-12 a.m. 7/20, Christine Rosholt.

Medina Ballroom (763-478-6681), 500 Hwy. 55, Medina. 7/6, Classic Big Band & the Nostalgics, swing dance, 8 p.m.

Mill City Café (612-788-6188), <millcitycafe.com>, 2205 California St., #102, N.E. Mpls. 7/21, Glen Helgeson with Reynold Philipsek performs Gypsy/world Jazz, 6-9 p.m.

Nomad World Pub (612-338-6424), 501 Cedar Ave. S. Mpls. Music at 9 p.m. (21+). Every 2nd Sun., (7/8) traditional jazz jam hosted by Southside Aces, 5-8 p.m. Every Wed., Nomad Jazz Series.

O'Gara's (651-644-3333), <ogaras.com>, 163 N. Snelling Ave., St. Paul—Shamrock Room. Every 2nd Mon. each month, (7/9) Cedar Avenue Big Band, 9 p.m. Every Tues.: 7/3, Beasley's Big Band, 7:30 p.m.; 7/10, Stan Bann Big Band, 8 p.m.; 7/24, Nova Jazz Orchestra, 8 p.m.; 7/31, River City Jazz Orchestra.

Red Ginger Asian Bistro (651-784-8800), <redgingerasianbistro.com>, 5999 Rice Creek Pkwy., Shoreview. Live jazz and blues some Fri. & Sat., 8-11 p.m., no cover.

Roseville VFW Post 7555 (651-483-5313), 1145 Woodhill Dr., Roseville. Every 3rd Tues., (7/17) Godfrey Daniel Jazz Band, 6-9 p.m.

Rossi's Steakhouse/Blue Star Jazzroom (612-312-2828), <bluestarjazz.com>, Metro Building, 80 S. 9th St., Mpls. Music every night, mostly jazz usually at 7 p.m.; Happy Hour, 5 p.m. Every Sun., Jazz Supper, 4-10 p.m. 6/28, Sophia Shorai, 7:30 p.m.; 6/29, BKS Vine, 9 p.m.; 7/2-5, Nancy Harms; 7/23, Arne Fogel.

Santorini Restaurant (952-546-6722), 9920 Wayzata Blvd., St. Louis Park. Every Tues., Dan Ristrom and Friends.

St. Alban's Boathouse (952-474-6260), 21960 Minnetonka Blvd., Greenwood. 7/28, Mouldy Figs, 8 p.m.-12 a.m.

South St. Paul VFW, 111 South Concord Exchange S. St. Paul. 7/10, River City Jazz Orchestra w/ vocalist Paula Lammers, 7-10 p.m.

Tapestry Folkdance Center (612-722-2914), <tapestryfolkdance.org>, 3748 Minnehaha, Ave. S., Mpls. Every Thurs., Late Night Swing featuring DJ Terry Gardner, 10 p.m. (lessons 6:30-9:30 p.m.). 6/29, Southside Aces, 8-11, \$9; 7/7, Christine Rosholt, Tanner Taylor, Steve Pikal, Mac Santiago, and Dave Karr, 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. (lessons, 7:30 p.m.), \$10

Times Bar & Café (612-617-8098), <timesbarandcafe.com>, 201 E. Hennepin Ave., Mpls. No cover. Every Sun., Jazz Brunch with The Wolverines Jazz Trio & vocalist Ginger Commdore, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sun. nights, Twin Cities Hot Club (Gypsy jazz), 8 p.m. Every Mon, Cabaret with Erin Schwab and Jay Fuchs, 8 p.m. Every Tues., "The Singer Showcase" hosted by Lori Dokken, 7 p.m., followed by a guest artist in "Tribute to the Greats," 8 p.m. Every Wed., The Wolverines Trio with Lori Dokken, 8 p.m. Every Thurs., Latin with Salsa del Soul, 9:30 p.m. Every Fri. & Sat., jazz, 9:30 p.m. 6/30,



The Cedar Cultural Center will end its season with a benefit featuring Eight Head (pictured above), The Big Wu, God Johnson, The Brass Kings and Charlie Parr (far right). Music will start early (6:30 p.m.) and end late, with a line-up featuring improvisatory artists who share The Cedar's vision of high-quality acoustic world, folk, jazz and blues music in an intimate space. \$20. Cedar Cultural Center, 416 Cedar Ave. S., Mpls., (612) 338-2674.

Yolande Bruce Quartet; 7/6, Yolande Bruce; 7/7, Maud Hixson; 7/13, Davina & The Vagabonds; 7/14, "Bastille Day" with Mark Stillman & Francine Roche; 7/20, The Katie Gearty Band; 7/21, The George Mauer Group w/ Ann Michaels; 7/27, The Southside Aces; 7/28, CD Release Party for Erin Schwab.

The Town House (651-646-7087), 1415 W. University Ave., St. Paul—North Star Piano Lounge, 9 p.m. Every Thurs., The Girls; Fri., Lori Dokken; Sat., Lori Dokken & Judi Donaghy.

318 Café (952-401-7902), 318 Water St., Excelsior, MN. Music usually 9 p.m., \$6-\$11 cover. 6/28, choreographer Bjork Ostrom & vocalist Alicia Wiley; 7/14, Boyd Lee, Joe Cruz and Noah Hoehn; 7/21, Michael Monroe; 7/25, Steve Kaul & the Brass Kings; 7/28, Kenni Holman jazz trio.

Trygs (612-920-7777), <trygs.com>, 3118 West Lake St., Mpls. Every Wed., pianist Tom Hunter w/ guitarist Gunmar, 7-11 p.m. Music Fri., & Sat. 7/22, Arne Fogel, Sunday Brunch.

Varsity Theater (612-604-0222), 1308 4th St. S.E., Dinkytown, Mpls. 7/8, Salsa with Charanga Tropical, 9 p.m., \$8.

Il Vesco Vino (651-222-7000), 579 Selby Ave., St. Paul. Every Thurs. (7-10 p.m.) and Sat. (8-11 p.m.), Irv Williams with pianists Tommy O'Donnell or Peter Schimke.

Vic's (612-312-2000), <vicsdining.com>, 201 Main St. S.E. (St. Anthony Main), Mpls. Live music every Fri. and Sat., often jazz or blues. 7/20, Gypsy Mania Trio, 10:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

Wabasha Caves (651-224-1191), <wabasha streetcaves.com>, 215 S. Wabasha, St. Paul. Swing band and dancing every Thurs., 7-10 p.m., \$7 (free dance lessons, 6:15 p.m.). 6/28, Swing Beat Big Band; 7/5, Moonlight Serenaders; 7/12, Minnesota Jazz Orchestra; 7/19, Beasley's Big Band with featured vocalist Christine Rosholt; 7/26, Swing Beat Big Band.

Wilde Roast Café (612-331-4555), 518 Hennepin Ave. E., Mpls. Every Wed., Smitty's Jazz duo, piano and bass, 7:30 p.m.

Zander Cafe (651-222-5224), 525 Selby, St. Paul. Every Fri. & Sat., Aane Fosse, piano and Ron Fosse, bass, 8:30-10:30 p.m. JoAnn Funk, piano/vocals, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Jazz club dates are subject to change. Please call to verify the event.

To list your jazz gigs for the August 2007 issue of Jazz Notes, please contact a TCJS Gigs volunteer by July 10.

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