

JIVE TALKIN'

It's Bill & Jean as King & Queen at Mardi Gras Ball 15

FOJ's 15th annual ball is another big hit, with founding couple the Klinghoffers crowned as the newest royals.

By Carol van Ahlers

A longtime Fullerton and Friends of Jazz tradition continued on Sunday, March 6, as FOJ members and supporters gathered for the non-profit's annual Mardi Gras Ball, raising \$24,000 to help keep music in our schools.

This time around was even more special in that Bill and Jean Klinghoffer were coronated as Mardi Gras King and Queen. The Klinghoffers have dedicated tremendous time and energy in the founding of FOJ in 1999 and in its organization, development and growth ever since. It was their first time in being so honored.

Colleen Wadsworth, newly elected president of FOJ's board of directors, referred to the Klinghoffers as "truly the heart of this organization. We were so glad that they finally agreed to let us recognize their contributions by honoring them at this year's ball."

Bill Klinghoffer, she said, "has been president of FOJ since its inception, until just recently," and Jean Klinghoffer "has managed our membership program throughout the years. Their commitment and dedication to the mission of Friends of Jazz is unmatched."

Although the ball is the organization's major fundraiser of the year, on the night of the



Photos: Patrick O'Donnell, Eric Marchese and Jigger Jumonville

event – usually the first Sunday in March – it is all about the music. In keeping with FOJ's mission of supporting music within the public school and college systems, bands from both Fullerton College and Cal State Fullerton were featured as the evening's entertainment.

From FC's jazz program, the seven-piece Lemon Street Stompers, under the direction of Bruce Babad, performed during the opening reception and the traditional, New Orleans-style parade. For the latter, longtime FOJ member Barbara Johnson sang "When the Saints

See page 4 for more photos of this year's Mardi Gras Ball!

Go Marching In," often substituting humorous FOJ-related lyrics. CSUF's 21-piece Fullerton Jazz Orchestra, directed by Bill Cunliffe, provided the after-dinner and dance music, with student Madelyne Brown as vocalist.

As has been customary over the last few years, students from FOJ's fourth-grade recorder program, which is offered throughout the Fullerton school district, performed a brief concert to show off their newfound musical skills.

The program, at the heart of Friends of Jazz's mission, pro-

vides lessons, instruments and teaching materials to fourth-graders with a 10-week instruction schedule at various elementary schools throughout the city. Jennifer Hart, the program's director, announced that this past year, some 1,200 children in 38 classrooms at nine schools received musical training.

This time around, 13 students from Sunset Lane Elementary did the honors, with a rendition of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" during a flag salute, then jazzy

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♪♪♪ Quarter Notes ♪♪♪

BACKYARD NEEDED! Friends of Jazz is seeking a nice backyard as the site for its Members Party in September. Until we have a location, we're unable to schedule the event (normally on a Sunday in the late afternoon/early evening). If you or someone you know has a backyard and would be willing to host the party, please contact Charlotte Henderson, 714-870-9067.



Friends of Jazz members who shop at Ralphs and have a Ralphs Rewards Card can help FOJ receive funds every time they shop. The program is called Ralphs Community Contributions, and here's how it works: Call 800-443-4438 and stay on the line until a Community Contributions operator comes on. Tell them you want to register with the program set up for Friends of Jazz, Inc. Give them our name (Friends of Jazz), your name, and your rewards card number (on the back of your card beneath the bar code). Once your Rewards Card is linked to FOJ (by calling the above number), each time you shop at Ralphs and use your card, between 1% and 4% of your eligible purchases (most everyday food items) will be donated as cash to FOJ.



Now in its 11th season, the Muckenthaler Jazz Festival features great jazz on six consecutive Thursday nights. This year: May 19: Luther Hughes and the Cannonball-Coltrane Project. May 26: Andy Martin Quartet. June 2: Lolly Allen Quintet. June 9: Steve Cotter Trio. June 16: Sherry Williams Quartet. June 23: Glenn Cashman's Hardbop Sextet. For information, call 714-738-6595 or write to info@themuck.org; to buy your tickets online, go to: themuck.org/jazz-festival/

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May 22 Western Jazz BBQ will feature 'the best in cowboy jazz'

Friends of Jazz's annual Western Jazz Barbecue pre-Mardi Gras Party is set for Sunday evening, May 22, at a new location: the Westridge Golf Club in La Habra.

The event starts at 5 p.m. with a no-host cocktail hour. At 6 p.m. is dinner, a full buffet featuring Western-style barbecue.

The entire event will swing to the music of Bruce Forman and his Western swing band. One of the nation's top jazz guitarists, Forman has performed regularly at the Monterey Jazz

Festival and for many film soundtracks. His numerous record album releases include four featuring the Cow Bop band that will provide listening and dancing music at FOJ's party – music that's been referred to as "the best in cowboy jazz."

Westridge is located at 1400 S. La Habra Hills Dr. in La Habra. Cost is \$60 per person, with reservations limited to the first 100 guests.

For further information, call Charlotte Henderson, 714-870-9067, or Dottie Batinich, 714-525-6669. ♪

FOJ finalizes events calendar for 2016

Most of Friends of Jazz's pre-Mardi Gras parties for the 2016 calendar year have been finalized.

First up is the Western Jazz Barbecue party featuring the Cow Bop band from 5 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, at Westridge Golf Club in La Habra. The cost is \$60 per person.

The annual Members Party will be held on a Sunday afternoon in September, but date and location are yet to be announced.

Next is the annual Oktoberfest, scheduled for Sunday, October 9 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Los Coyotes Country Club in Buena Park. The cost, \$70 per person, includes authentic German-style cuisine, music by the Alpine Quintet, and valet parking.

The annual Sponsors Party, from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, December 11, at Los Coyotes Country Club will have a holiday theme. The cocktail party will include appetizers (sliders, crabcakes, coconut shrimp, bruschetta) and a no-host bar.

For more information about any of these events, please contact Charlotte Henderson at 714-870-9067. ♪

High school jazz bands find a great new home at Florentine's

By Jim Harlan

With the closing of Steamers Café last year, the FOJ High School Jazz Band Series needed a new venue. Florentine's Bar and Grill was the perfect answer.

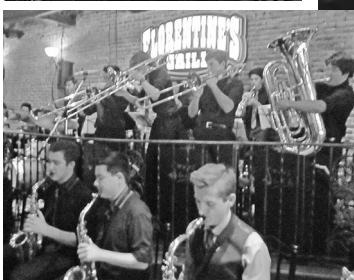
Owner Joe Florentine embraced Friends of Jazz and provided us with a location that kept us in the downtown Fullerton area. The transition was smooth, and the 2016 Jazz series began on Feb 20th with Mission Viejo High School. All but one of the schools for this year have performed and received FOJ funds; this year's program concludes on May 28th with Irvine High.

Seven schools participated in all, with each school receiving a \$300 stipend; additionally, after each school's performance at Florentine's, one student musician was awarded a \$400 scholarship. As of the end of May, a total of \$4,900 will have been dispersed for the 2016 program.

Here is a list of this year's participating schools and individual scholarship recipients: Mission Viejo High, Alex Golden, tenor sax; Katella High, Maricel Bacani, trumpet; Esperanza High, Travis Hunter, drums; El Dorado High, Daniel Bremer, tenor sax; Valencia High, Bailey Mason, alto-soprano sax; Fullerton High, Desmond Roberts, alto sax. (Irvine



Photos by Jim Harlan, Donna Harlan, Judi McDuff, Jerrold Wolf



Left, top to bottom: Mission Viejo High band director Doug Meeuwssen, Jim Harlan, Alex Golden, Dylan Harlan; Esperanza's Travis Hunter with band director Brad Davis (left); Daniel Bremer with El Dorado director Eric Samson; Katella High's Maricel Bacani flanked by Jim and Dylan Harlan; Mission Viejo H.S. Jazz Band. Center column: Fullerton High's Desmond Roberts with mom Donna; Fullerton High Jazz Band; El Dorado High School Jazz 1; Katella High Jazz Band. Top right: Valencia's Bailey Mason; Valencia High's band; the Esperanza High Jazz Band.

High's student recipient will be selected and awarded on May 28, immediately following the band's performance.)

Friends of Jazz's High School

Jazz Band program supports students toward furthering their musical careers. Since its inception, it has provided more than \$600,000 in scholarship monies.

Thanks to FOJ's Gil and Judy McFadden and Phil Rothstein for judging this year's series. Thank you, Florentine's Bar and Grill. See you next year! 🎵

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE 2016 FOJ EVENTS!

May 22
October 9
December 11

Western Jazz BBQ, Westridge Golf Club, La Habra
Oktoberfest, Los Coyotes Country Club, Buena Park
Sponsors Party, Los Coyotes Country Club, Buena Park

A photo gallery of FOJ's 2016 Mardi Gras Ball



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versions of "Yankee Doodle," "C Jam Blues," "Ode to Joy" and "Hot Cross Mambo" that included several improvised solos by the young budding musicians.

The evening's highlight, undoubtedly, was the crowning of the new royals. Doug Chaffee and Paulette Marshall, last year's King and Queen, passed their crowns, robes and goblets over to Bill and Jean Klinghoffer in a grand ceremony brimming with fanfare.

Jennifer Hart provided a tribute to the

couple spanning their lives, first as individuals, then from the time they first met to their courtship, marriage and lives together and on through to their many contributions to the Orange County jazz community and the founding of FOJ.

Jennifer also paid homage to all of the past Mardi Gras Kings and Queens, many of whom were present, including Don Bankhead, Lee and Marion Brockett, Judy McFadden, Wayne Mason and Barbara Johnson, Shep and Joy Shepherd, Dean Stockwell, Jim and Dottie Young, and Margaret Madewell.

Special guests at this year's ball included staff and VIPs from the music departments of Fullerton College and CSUF.

More than 80 silent auction items helped to generate funding for FOJ's programs, including high school and college musician scholarships, the high school jazz program at Florentine's Grill, financial support for jazz bands to further their education and/or to attend jazz competitions, the fourth-grade recorder program, and other programs that support the mission of keeping music alive in schools throughout all of Orange County. 🎵

Recorder kids get Mardi Gras warmup at City Hall



Friends of Jazz fourth-grade recorder students from Sunset Lane Elementary School performed a brief concert at the March 1 meeting of the Fullerton City Council.

Similar to what was heard days later at FOJ's March 6 Mardi Gras Ball, the program began (after the flag salute) with "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and included "Ode to Joy." Instructor Jennifer Hart also asked individual students to play solos that

they improvised – a skill they learned through FOJ's ongoing fourth grade recorder program.

In the above photo, the budding musicians' family members and teachers came up onto the stage to join them and Ms. Hart. For an example of one teacher's gratitude, see the letter on page 7. 🎵

Bill Cunliffe guest-stars as USAF big band delivers rousing concert at CSUF

The U.S. military and the sounds of big bands combined on Tuesday night, April 12, when Cal State Fullerton hosted a special performance at Meng Concert Hall by The Commander's Jazz Ensemble, which is part of the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West from Travis Air Force Base in northern California.

According to the band's website, the group "carries on the tradition of the great traveling big bands, yet offers a lot more than big band sounds. Under the direction of Master Sergeant Jeremiah True, this energetic group of highly trained professional airmen-musicians offers an entertaining show you won't soon forget!"



As its "special guest," the band featured pianist Bill Cunliffe, the Grammy-winning composer-arranger who teaches jazz at CSUF. The band opened with jazz legend Sammy Nestico's big band arrangement of Gershwin's "Strike Up the Band." After a few selections, Bill was brought on stage to great applause. His set

included "One O'Clock Jump," Thelonious Monk's "Round Midnight," and a piano solo of Duke Ellington's "Satin Doll," then ended with Isham Jones' "It Had To Be You." The group's finale was a musical tribute to all five branches of the U.S. military, followed by the '40s big band arrangement of "In the Mood." 🎵

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It's a hearty 'welcome' to these newest members of Friends of Jazz

We say hello and welcome to all of these new Friends of Jazz members:

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Jennifer Case

Sharon Coan

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Photo collage offers a look at FOJ's early years

Over the winter holidays, Friends of Jazz co-founder Jean Klinghoffer came across a collage of photos from the first few years of FOJ's existence. The collage depicts many of FOJ's key personnel, founders and earliest board members. Take a close look, and see how many people you can recognize and identify! [In the next issue of *Jive Talkin'*, we'll offer up as complete a list as possible!]



Recorder program teacher sings praises of instructor Jennifer Hart

My fourth-grade class at Raymond Elementary has had the pleasure of having Ms. Hart from Friends of Jazz teach our students how to play the recorder. This is my second year receiving this instruction for my students, and I must say that for most students, this is a great introduction to the world of music.

Ms. Hart is a true musician, and an inspiration to our students. She is encouraging to all students and accomplished much in a short amount of time with us. She provides all students with the opportunity to play solo parts and guides them with expertise and kindness.

It is interesting to see how many students learn the notes fairly quickly using the booklets with sheet music that she provides. Students are able to build their confidence to read music and even improvise when appropriate. I am hopeful that many of our students will use their interest in music to pursue learning other instruments in the fifth grade. Some are even sharing their plans with me!

This experience is unique to fourth grade, and I hope that we are able to continue with the instruction in future years. I appreciate this opportunity to enrich the lives of students who might not otherwise be taught a musical instrument but show interest, passion for learning and an appreciation for the arts.

Judith Beleber,
Fourth-grade teacher,
Raymond Elementary School, Fullerton

**May 22, 2016:
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WESTRIDGE GOLF CLUB,
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News & Notes

D.O.M. returns: Tuesday, June 21, the first day of Summer, you'll hear live music nearly everywhere you go in Fullerton.

It's **Day of Music**, an international event that first came to Fullerton in 2015 and is back for its second year.

A new feature of this year's Fullerton program is a spotlight on pianists that's being referred to as Tickle My Ivories. For more information about this special annual event, contact Carol van Ahlers: carol.vanahlers@sbcglobal.net



Upcoming Events:

- May 22, 2016 "Cow-Bop" party, Westridge Golf Club, La Habra
Oct. 9, 2016 Oktoberfest, Los Coyotes Country Club
Dec. 11, 2016 Sponsors Party, Los Coyotes, Buena Park



AROUND TOWN

A new restaurant next-door to the former location of Steamers, D'Vine, a Mediterranean Experience, offers live jazz from 5 to 8 p.m. on the first Sunday evening of each month, featuring **Henry Alexander** on saxophone. The music is the perfect complement to a wonderful menu of Mediterranean dishes. For more information, call 714-592-0001 or email info@dvineexperience.com.

CalJAS is featuring vocalist **Joy Burnworth**, pianist **Bradley Young** and bass player **John Belzaguy** at the Rancho Cucamonga home of Dale and Sue Boatman on Sunday night, May 22; for more info: dale@caljas.org. And be sure to check out the live jazz performances each Sunday afternoon and evening at The Winery Restaurant and Wine Bar in Tustin, where **Bob Fazio** plays urban jazz and **Vance Schmitz** and his Jazz All-Stars offer a mixture of urban and smooth jazz. You'll also recognize the name of **Ernesto Roman**, who with his son gigs on Friday nights at the El Torito restaurant on Oakcrest Circle in Yorba Linda.

On May 27, the Hart and Soul Band will take the stage at Adele's in the San Clemente Inn, with **Jennifer Hart** on vocals, **Mark Isbell** on sax, **Bob Forte** on drums and a to-be-announced pianist celebrating the May birthdays of Jennifer and Adele with songs written or performed by famed composers and performers also born in May (Bing Crosby, Billy Joel, etc.). And on May 28, join Jennifer, accompanied by **Mike LeVan**, at Baci Italian Restaurant in Huntington Beach. 