

# JIVE TALKIN'

## Get ready for the September 9 Members Party!

Friends of Jazz enjoys a steady flow of new members, all of whom realize how valuable they are to FOJ and its mission. Right?

The answer might surprise you: Not necessarily. The influx of new members ebbs and flows, making it vital for existing members to let others know about FOJ, its many activities and events, and how those concerts, fundraisers and other events are having a positive impact on the community.

One of the most important ways for FOJ to show its appreciation to all its members is with its annual Members Party. This year's Members Party, FOJ's 18th, is being held at 5 p.m. Sunday, September 9. As with last year's event, the party is at the home of Dottie and Nick Batinich, 915 W. Valencia Mesa Drive in Fullerton.

Attire is casual for the outdoor event, which will offer appetizers, a delicious buffet dinner and no-host bar. Last year's musical entertainment is being repeated for this year: Student scholarship recipients from both Fullerton College and Cal State University Fullerton will provide music for the entire evening, joined by faculty and staffers from the music departments of both schools.

The party is open to all currently paid 2018-2019 Friends of Jazz members. Cost is \$30 per person. To RSVP (by Sept. 1) or for more information, call Dottie Batinich, 714-525-6669, or Charlotte Henderson, 714-870-9067. 🎵



Those who attended the 2017 Members Party, depicted in these photos, have said it was among the best of the last few years' parties.



Story and photos by Eric Marchese





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## ♪♪ Quarter Notes ♪♪

Friends of Jazz members know Jeremy Siskind as a talented pianist, composer, arranger and improviser who received a scholarship from FOJ a few years back for his incredible playing.

Jeremy returned home to Southern California last year to accept a faculty position in the music department at Fullerton College. And he's still active as a performer. In fact, he's been performing throughout the Orange County and Los Angeles areas this summer with his chamber jazz trio, which is based in New York.

The trio, Jeremy said, is available for house concerts up until September 9. If you have a home with a piano and a spacious living room and wish to host, just contact Jeremy and he'll give you the details.

"We're just looking for people with a nice living room and an adventurous spirit," Jeremy noted. House concerts, he said, "are free for hosts. They just have to provide the audience."

If you'd like a preview of the trio, go to YouTube and do a site search for Jeremy Siskind's Housewarming Project. Several links will come up, each with a complete clip of numbers like "Bye Bye Blackbird" and "Whispering Grass."

You can call Jeremy at 949-422-3671 or email him at [jsiskind2@gmail.com](mailto:jsiskind2@gmail.com).

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## The Muck receives generous donation



The Muckenthaler Cultural Center got a welcome surprise during its Aug. 3 event "A Taste of Exotic Mexican Cuisine & Mezcal": State Assemblyperson Sharon Quirk-Silva presented a \$25,000 check to upgrade The Muck irrigation system. Above: Quirk-Silva, Muckenthaler board of trustees president Chris Barnhill, the Muck CEO Farrell Hirsch.

*Photo by Caitlin Lopez*

## Welcome new and returning members

Welcome to these new Friends of Jazz members:

Robert and Jamie Cashion  
Paulette Kish  
Patty and David Lahr  
Wendell Sawyer

We welcome back these supporters who just renewed their FOJ memberships:

Barbara Andrews  
Larry and Kitty Arthur  
Judy Atwell  
Don and Carol Bankhead  
Terry and Karen Blackley  
Dale & Sue Boatman  
Dale and Mary Botts  
Lee and Marion Brockett

Paul Bush and Kathleen Pritchard  
Ann Carnahan  
Jim and Tracy Caviola  
Doug Chaffee and Paulette Marshall  
Gary Chalupsky  
Mike and Gail Cochran  
Elaine and Robert Culverhouse  
Dr. and Mrs John Demann  
Jill DeWeese  
Helga and Dan DiNardo  
Richard and Susan Dolnick  
Minard Duncan  
George Ennis  
Barbara and Jean Fischer

Kathryn Fixa  
Fullerton College  
Gabriele Genereux  
Barbara Gregory  
Dick and Beverly Gunter  
Jim & Donna Harlan  
Jennifer Hart  
Ann Harvey  
Bob and Kaaren Hathaway  
Joe and Charlotte Henderson  
Barbara and Bob Johnson  
Norm and Sandy Johnson  
Jan and Pierrete Jordan  
Frank Kanahele  
Terry and Pam Kennedy

More returning members are listed on page seven!

# Muck Jazz festival makes the summer sizzle

The 13th Annual Muckenthaler Jazz Festival concluded on June 21, 2018, and it was among the most successful ever.

A festival highlight: On June 7, Muckenthaler CEO Farrell Hirsch introduced Glenn Cashman (below, top photo) and presented Glenn and Eric Futterer, who was in the audience, with a certificate thanking them for creating the festival in 2006 and running it through last year.



*Photos by Eric Marchese and Judi McDuff*



Cashman then took the stage, backed by his band members (below left, middle photo), with Joe Bagg on piano, bassist Luther Hughes, drummer Paul Kreibich, and guitarist Ron Eschete.

Each of the six Thursday-night concerts from May 17 through June 21 opened with performances by college student jazz musicians. On June 14 it was the Brian Clemens Quartet (below left, bottom photo), featuring CSUF students Brian Clemens on piano; Freddie Uyehara, bass; Zack Caplinger, guitar; and Jessica Ragsdale, drums.

That night featured festival co-director Bill Cunliffe and his jazz band Imagination backing featured guest saxophonist extraordinaire Ernie Watts. (Bottom photo below shows Watts with bass player Oskar Cartaya and drummer Jose Perez.)

The festival's finale on June 21 opened with the Ryan Prior Trio (middle photo below: Ryan Prior, piano; Will Lyle, bass; and James Yoshizawa, drums). The main event, "A Tribute to Ella Fitzgerald, Ray Charles and Gene Harris," was delivered by Cunliffe on keyboards, Eschete on guitar, Hughes on bass, Kreibich on drums and Woodard on saxophone, with boogie woogie and blues pianist Rob Rio as a featured guest. Freda Payne, pictured in top photo below with Kreibich and Woodard, delivered the sizzling vocals. 🎵



## Day of Music Fullerton has improved with age

**Citywide Summer Solstice event, now in its fourth year, was bigger and better than ever before.**

Day of Music Fullerton, the day-long, city-wide celebration of music, unfolded on Thursday, June 21.


Hundreds of other Days of Music were held concurrently throughout the world to mark the first day of summer.

Day of Music Fullerton was the city's fourth such event, and like those other festivals, it showcased a wide variety of musical styles that, performance-wise, came in all shapes and sizes.

The venues included restaurants, shops, nightclubs and churches. Many of the performances were held outdoors, giving them an improvisatory feeling. Throughout the day, you couldn't go more than a block or two

without hearing music of all types and seeing musicians giving it their all.

Performers were professionals and amateurs, young and old, classically-trained and self-taught.

What they all had in common, and what they shared with the thousands of onlookers who stopped for a few minutes or a few hours to listen, was a love of and devotion to the universal language of music. 



Counterclockwise from left: The Fullerton Flashers, Alice Wallace, Los Dos Saxos Y Mas, Pop-Up Band on the Corner, Overnite Oats.

Photos  
by Carol  
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## FOJ's Oktoberfest Party is set for Sunday, Oct. 21

October 21 has been set as the date for Friends of Jazz's annual Oktoberfest Party.

If you've never attended this bash, you've missed some of the most fun of any of FOJ's annual parties.

The location is the beautiful Los Coyotes Country Club in Buena Park, site of numerous successful FOJ events.

The evening includes everything you'd expect at any Oktoberfest celebration: A German band playing authentic traditional, folk and pop music and songs and a delicious dinner of Teutonic cuisine.

Everything is Alpine and the mood is festive. In fact, members often attend garbed in Germanic attire to help get

into the spirit of this harvest-time holiday!

FOJ's Oktoberfest has been one of its most popular events each year, so you won't want to miss it.

Members will be receiving more details soon, so keep an eye on your mailbox and check out our website for the latest information. 🎵

## Jazz stars shine brightly at Sunset Jazz at Newport

The annual Sunset Jazz at Newport summer series of jazz concerts got off to a great start on July 11 and is still running. The series features 11 consecutive Wednesday night performances with the closing night on September 19.

The first few weeks included concerts by the Bria Skonberg Quintet, The Four Freshmen, and Ken Peplowski and the Katie Thiroux Trio (all pictured in photos at right).

Remaining concerts will feature the Byron Stripling-Bobby Floyd Quartet (Aug. 29), Barbara Morrison-Rickey Woodard Quintet (Sept. 12) and the Tom Kubis Big Band (Sept. 19).

For tickets and info, call 949-759-5003. 🎵



Photos by  
Art Pazornik

Clockwise from top left: Bria Skonberg, The Four Freshmen, organist Akiko Tsuringa, Katie Thiroux and Ken Peplowski.

## Mark these Friends of Jazz events on your calendars

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| September 9    | Annual Members Party, Batinich home, Fullerton          |
| October 21     | Oktoberfest Party, Los Coyotes Country Club, Buena Park |
| January 2019   | Sponsors Party, date and location TBA                   |
| March 10, 2019 | Mardi Gras Ball, Embassy Suites Hotel, Brea             |

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*Second Decade of Keeping Music in Our Schools*  
**Membership Categories for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019**

<b>Gold Benefactor (\$2,500+)</b>	All benefits of Benefactor level plus two complimentary tickets to annual FOJ Mardi Gras gala dinner-dance.
<b>Benefactor (\$1,000)</b>	All benefits of Patron level plus two additional complimentary tickets to annual FOJ Sponsors Party (January 2019).
<b>Patron (\$500)</b>	All benefits of Sponsor level plus recognition at a student scholarship presentation.
<b>Sponsor (\$250)</b>	All benefits of Friend level plus two complimentary tickets to annual FOJ Sponsors Party (January 2019).
<b>Friend (\$100)</b>	All benefits of General level plus two complimentary tickets, when available, to a jazz event at CSUF or Fullerton College.
<b>General (\$50)</b>	Invitation to Friends of Jazz events plus recognition in FOJ newsletter.
<b>Student (\$20)</b>	Invitation to Friends of Jazz events plus recognition in FOJ newsletter.

**MEMBERSHIP FOR JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019**

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For more information, call Jean Klinghoffer, 714-871-6342, or Barbara Fischer, 714-526-5667.

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## Peak party honors Leos with live jazz



The stars were aligned on Saturday, August 18, when longtime FOJ members Mike and Lucy Peak held a jazz bash at their Nellie Gail (Laguna Hills) home for themselves and others born under the sign of Leo as well as fans of The Peak Experience Jazz Ensemble.

On bass, Mike led musician colleagues Ann Patterson, Ron Kobayashi, Kendall Kay, Ricky Woodard and Carl Saunders. Star vocalist Barbara Morrison was featured, with selections including tributes to the late Aretha Franklin.

*Photo by Valerie Herring*

## Curtis Theatre brings RagFest back for second time around

After RagFest and Brea's Curtis Theatre were able to try each other on for size last fall, both agreed to have the event return to the venue again this year. Both sides hope to tweak and improve the annual ragtime festival to attract more fans of the music while adding new features to enhance the event to widen its appeal beyond simply those who already love ragtime music.

Curtis staffers are getting the word out that they want to make RagFest a more interactive and immersive experience, so they're encouraging anyone who attends to dress in styles popular during the original ragtime era (circa 1895 through 1918). Ragtime was popular during the "last" turn of the century, so anything that bridges the 19th and 20th centuries is fitting.

The Curtis staff also hopes to create a "lawn party" along the lines of The Great Gatsby, but that's obviously of the ragtime era (versus that of the 1920s). The RagFest Model T, a popular curbside attraction at previous RagFests, will be on hand in the circular driveway off Birch Street, and a few other local Model T owners might also bring their vintage autos too.

Most of the talent roster from RagFest 2017 is on hand once again, including Johnny Hodges. The former Disneyland/Coke Corner pianist, who brings showmanship galore to the stage, is back for his second RagFest. So is all-




Pianist Johnny Hodges regales the audience from the Curtis Stage during RagFest 2017.

around musician Michael Chisholm, whose specialty is reviving rare and obscure rags for today's audiences.

Former and current Disney pianists Paul Orsi and Andrew Barrett are on the bill along with the vaudeville team of Evans & Rogers, RagFest stalwart Brad Kay, and some of Kay's vocal pals, "Those Syncopating Songbirds."

FOJ's Eric Marchese, who is organizing and running the event, has brought in a ragtime combo called The Out of Tuners for their first RagFest and solo pianist John Reed-Torres, who last appeared at RagFest 2012. He's working with the Curtis staff to make this year's festival a hit.

RagFest 2018 is on September 29 from noon to 6 and with an 8 p.m. revue show. For tickets and more information, visit [curtistheatre.com](http://curtistheatre.com) or call 714-990-7722. 

## Friends of Jazz welcomes back these returning members

*Continued from page two:*

Anne Key  
Bill and Jean Klinghoffer  
Jeff and Denise Klinghoffer  
Dr. and Joanna Lawton  
Dale Maurer  
Mac and Irene McCormick  
Judi McDuff  
Doris McGrath  
M. McKay and L. Israel

Sharyn McLain  
Mary Moore  
Frank and Kathy Mulvaney  
Betty Murphy  
Doris and Bob Muschek  
Doug and Ann Myles  
Mike and Lucy Peak  
Bette Roethe  
Mary Rupp  
Tom Rybolt

Fred and Eva Schneider  
Louise Shamblen  
Beverley Shook  
Ingrid Shutkin  
Dr. Andrew and Ellen Siskind  
Cheryl Stewart  
Jeanie Stockwell  
Pete and Elaine Weidner  
Jim and Sally Williams  
Jerry and Linda Wolf

**Sept. 9, 2018:  
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HOME OF NICK & DOTTIE  
BATINICH, FULLERTON**

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**News & Notes**

Irene Kauppi recently made a donation to Friends of Jazz in memory of late FOJ member Toni Ramsay.



Did you know that since its inception, Friends of Jazz has awarded scholarship funds to more than 1,000 talented high school and college jazz musicians and vocalists and given instruments, music books and lessons to more than 15,000 fourth-graders? The funds we collect in the form of membership dues, and your attendance at various FOJ events, ensure the continuation of these vital programs and help us continue to keep music in our schools.



**AROUND TOWN**



The Irvine Barclay Theatre's current jazz series includes some exciting jazz performances coming up soon. On September 25 is Airmen Of Note. The Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, featuring Wynton Marsalis, will appear on Oct. 2. Dr. Bobby Rodriguez will deliver a Latin Jazz Christmas on December 2. Early 2019 brings Miles Davis and The Blue Flame Incident (on January 18) and FOJ's own Mike Peak and company's Peak Experience on February 7 in a show titled "At Last." You can catch John Pizzarelli in a salute to Frank Sinatra on March 29 and the Christian McBride Big Band on April 27. For tickets or more information, contact the Irvine Barclay box office by emailing [tickets@thebarclay.org](mailto:tickets@thebarclay.org) or calling 949-854-4646, extension 1.

If you've never heard jazz vocalist Andrea Miller, you're in for a treat. Andrea sings every Tuesday night, from 7 to 11 p.m., at The Tartan Room on North Tustin Avenue in Orange, a neighborhood restaurant that's been around since the '50s. Providing the music for Andrea are Ron Kobayashi on piano and Mike Peak on bass. The exceptionally talented Ron is also tremendously active as a performer, performing every Thursday night at Bayside in Newport Beach, accompanied by Sam Montooth on bass. Ron also hosts a rotating jam session at Bayside on Friday nights. Jazz vocalist Debbi Ebert and pianist Richard Ihara helped make Friends of Jazz's All That Jazz party a huge success. Fans of the duo can catch them on Friday and Saturday nights from 6 to 10 p.m. at Cedar Creek Inn in Brea. The talented guitarist and singer Anthony Williams performs at Ziings Bistro in Fullerton Thursday nights from 7 to 10 p.m. and runs the club's weekly open mic night too. He's also on hand from time to time at Versai Wine Bar in Yorba Linda.

