

JAZZ NOTES

Nat King Cole tribute a smashing success!

Friends of Jazz was back in full swing with a special event celebrating those “lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer.”

That’s when vocalist Porter Singletary, accompanied on drums and keyboard, offered a delightful evening of the music of Nat King Cole.

The event was held at the Fullerton Elks Lodge on July 11 with 90 people in attendance. Guests enjoyed a delicious dinner of barbecued chicken and ribs, and FOJ offered cookies and brownies for dessert.

There were lots of great tunes, as well as a silent auction, 50/50 that gave \$470 each to the winner and FOJ, a wine bag table, and lots of dancing.

One of our most talented members and a wonderful singer, Porter sang such popular Nat King Cole favorites as Mona Lisa, Unforgettable, When I Fall in Love, Too Young, Nature Boy, Fly Me to the Moon and more. He also sang some Sinatra, Motown and contemporary favorites.

All proceeds from this event will support young jazz musicians from the fourth grade through college; we hope some will continue their studies and might even become professional jazz musicians and educators.

Kudos to the National Charity League helpers and to the silent auction team for their wonderful baskets.



Doc Severinsen film to be screened at The Muckenthaler

“Never Too Late: The Doc Severinsen Story” will have an exclusive screening at The



Muckenthaler on Thursday, August 12. The 85-minute PBS documentary “traces the life and groundbreaking career of the unstoppable musical icon.”

The colorful bandleader of “The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson” for more than 30 years, Grammy award-winning trumpeter Doc Severinsen, in his 90s, tours, performs and teaches in a very grueling schedule.

The screening in The Muck’s amphitheater will include a Q & A by Doc’s daughter, Nancy, who produced the film (which was partially filmed at The Muck).

If you attended Doc’s concert at The Muck in 2019, there’s a really good chance that you will see your own face (or back of your head) in the film! And if you haven’t seen this documentary, you’re in for a treat!

Music by an all-star professional band playing Doc’s Tonight Show arrangements, with special guest soloist Barbara Morrison plus comedian Dick Hardwick, will be part of the program.

Tickets are going fast. For tickets and information, call (714) 738-6595 or email info@TheMuck.org. You don’t want to miss it!



Save The Date!



On Sunday, September 19, Friends of Jazz will hold its 21st annual Members Party at the Calderon home in Brea. The party will feature music by jazz students and professional musicians, opportunity drawings, no-host bar, and a delicious pasta dinner catered by Chef Richard of the Barrio Bistro.

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