

JAZZ NOTES

FOJ Sponsors Party to be postponed

Friends of Jazz annual party to thank our sponsors on January 23 has been put on hold until further notice due to the pandemic. You will be notified when the party is back on later in 2022.

Invitees include current members at the sponsor level and above (Patron, Benefactor, Gold Benefactor) and their guests. Entertainment will be jazz performed by the Fullerton College Jazz Band under the direction of Bruce Babad.

This event is free to our sponsors and above levels and \$60 for members below the Sponsor level (Friend, General, Student).

We are planning to have a silent auction, 50/50 drawing, and a wine bag table, as well.



Questions or information? Call Dottie Batinich (714) 525-6669 or Charlotte Henderson (714) 870-9067.

College jazz programs end the year on a successful note

On Tuesday, November 30, the **Fullerton College Jazz Band**, along with the **J-Train Vocal Jazz and Synergy Vocal Jazz**, delivered a wonderful musical evening directed by **Bruce Babad and Jamie Shew**.

The 17-piece ensemble opened with "Hobo Flats." Other big band numbers included "Wales," "The Trolley Song," "Manteca," and a fun tune entitled "Rhoid's Blues."

The Synergy Vocal Jazz Ensemble comprises 16 vocal jazz students who sang the "Telephone Song." The singers were accompanied by a stellar rhythm section consisting of Tina Park-Torrez, piano; Cole Sainberg, bass; and Nico Vasquez, drums. The 8-member J-Train vocalists sang "In a Mellow Tone," "How Deep is the Ocean," "Smile," and "Muddy Water."

Synergy continued with Gershwin's "Embraceable You" and the beautiful "Willow Weep for Me."

On Friday, December 3, the **Fullerton Jazz Orchestra**, under the direction of **Bill Cunliffe**, offered a memorable jazz concert.

The evening began with a dessert and coffee reception for about 35 guests at which Bill spoke on the accomplishments of these student musicians and announced the upcoming trip to Lincoln Center in 2022 to compete at the Second Annual Jack Rudin Jazz Championship.

The jazz orchestra performed "Speak No Evil," "The Intimacy of the Blues," "Jack the Bear," and the numbers played by featured artists **Bob McChesney and Calabria Foti**.

Vocalist Calabria Foti sang "In a Mellow Tone," "The Very Thought of You," "White Christmas," and "I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm," and trombonist Bob McChesney played "Caravan," "Invitation," "Emily," and "Here's Looking at You" after the intermission.

The **Fullerton Jazz Singers'** renditions of "On a Clear Day" and "O Come All Ye Faithful" were outstanding, thanks to the 15 singers and their director, **Andreas Preponis**. It was a wonderful evening.





Friends of Jazz

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To Our Friends & Supporters

We are now in our 23rd year and back in full swing.

But grants, donations and memberships are down. We greatly appreciate your support as we plan some fun events for 2022: a thank you party for our sponsors January 23, high school jazz concerts at a new venue, Main Street Restaurant in Yorba Linda, February through May, and Mardi Gras 2022!

We can't do it without you. If you haven't already, please renew your membership or join as a new member. If you can't join us, please consider sending a donation to help us keep music in the schools. A big thank you to all who have renewed or joined as new members.

If you'd like to join FOJ or want to know more about us and upcoming events, check out our website:

www.friendsofjazzinc.com.



Give a Scholarship in Your Name

Friends of Jazz is looking for more ways to help students study and perform jazz and you can help. Donate \$500 to FOJ and we'll present a scholarship in your name. If you like, you can help award the scholarship at an FOJ event. Call Nick at (714) 525-6669 for details.

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Call/text me with comments or questions.

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Upcoming Jazz Events!

"Petit Fleur" New Orleans Jazz Orchestra's Nojo7, featuring Cyrille Aimee and Adonis Rose, 8pm, Friday, Jan. 14, La Mirada Theatre

FOJ High School Jazz Bands, Saturdays, Feb.-May, Main Street Restaurant, Yorba Linda

"First Lady of Song: Alexis J. Roston sings Ella Fitzgerald" at the Laguna Playhouse, 2pm, 7:30pm, March 2-20.

FOJ Mardi Gras, 5-9pm, Sunday, March 27, Fullerton Elks Lodge

Debbi Ebert, 6pm, Fridays & Saturdays, Cedar Creek Inn, Brea

Ron Kobayashi, Thursdays & Fridays, Bayside, Newport Beach and two Saturdays/month at Les Amis, Fullerton

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Planning a Party? Need your Piano Tuned? Want Music Lessons? Call FOJ Musicians!

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PT = Piano Tuning

