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The Mardi Gras Ball is back, and it's gonna be a blast!

On March 27, members will enjoy the newest edition of FOJ's biggest annual fundraiser at its new venue, the Elks Lodge.

When Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras) came and went in 2021 and no date or location had been announced, Friends of Jazz members knew it would be at least another year before they'd be able to rev up for and attend what is always the most exciting and widely anticipated event on FOJ's calendar.

Well, that time is finally here! Our 20th annual Mardi Gras Ball is right around the corner. It boasts an all-new location, the Fullerton Elks Lodge - which offers easy parking and easy access to the building - and will spotlight the instrumental and vocal jazz talents of students from both of Fullerton's colleges.

On Sunday evening, March 27, it'll be all New Orleans, all the time. FOJ patrons have been anticipating this event for more than two years, so we know you won't want to miss it.

The catchphrase for Mardi Gras is "Laissez les bons temps rouler" (let the good times roll), and things will get rolling at 5 p.m. with the reception and cocktail hour. Guests will be served gourmet appetizers and will receive a complimentary cocktail.



IMAGES OF PAST MARDI GRAS BASHES: Nick and Dottie Batinich (top right), our 2020 King and Queen, will be honored and their reign extended. Photos by Patrick O'Donnell, Jigger Jumonville and Eric Marchese

Guests will have a chance to see dozens of silent auction goodies (photos and a partial list of auction items are on page three), relax, have a drink, and mix and mingle.

The formal program starts at 6 p.m., as Master of Ceremo-

nies Wayne Mason takes the microphone, welcomes FOJ's guests, and introduces the various notables on hand for the festivities. Next up, Nick and Dottie Batinich, the 2020 Mardi Gras King and Queen, will be honored in a presenta-

tion acknowledging them as reigning King and Queen, presiding over this year's festivities. Led by our royals, our traditional, New Orleans-style Krewe Parade will get under-

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2022 Mardi Gras will be bigger and better than ever

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way – so let the revelry begin! Dinner is served at 7 p.m. as guests dine on their previously ordered choice of shrimp, chicken, filet mignon, vegetarian or gluten-free pasta. As dessert and coffee are brought in, patrons will have their last chance to get in their hopefully winning bids on the prized items they want to take home.

Helping to demonstrate the value of FOJ’s ongoing mission, talented student jazz musicians from Fullerton College and Cal State University Fullerton will provide the music for the entire evening, from the opening moments to the Krewe Parade and to the after-dinner entertainment featuring live instrumental and vocal jazz performances. A variety of surprise guest artists will take the stage to add further spice to the evening.

Formally on the bill from CSUF are the Titan Ramblers, directed by Bill Cunniff. From Fullerton College, we’ll enjoy the Fullerton College Big Band, directed by Bruce Babad, and the J-Train jazz vocalists under the direction of Jamie Shew.

Our new hotspot for this one-of-a-kind event is the Fullerton Elks Lodge, 1400 Elks View Lane in Fullerton. Cost, which includes dinner, is \$125 per person. What to wear? Formal wear, of course! (black tie or Mardi Gras attire are optional).



MARDI GRAS BALL MEMORIES

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

This is your one-and-only chance to get in on the fun. You’ve got two years’ worth of merriment to make up for, so don’t waste a minute!

Make your reservations now by contacting FOJ’s Charlotte Henderson, 714-870-9067, or Dottie Batinich, 714-525-6669. And, if you’ve got any specific questions

or need more details, feel free to call the Mardi Gras Ball’s director, FOJ’s Larry Arthur, at 562-565-0944.

Please RSVP by March 13, 2022, and send reservation orders and payment to FOJ at P.O. Box 5671, Fullerton CA 92838-0671. Tickets are \$125 per person. Checks should be made out to Friends of Jazz Inc. 

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To see more photos and descriptions of this year’s Mardi Gras Ball silent auction items, go to our website: Friendsofjazzinc.com

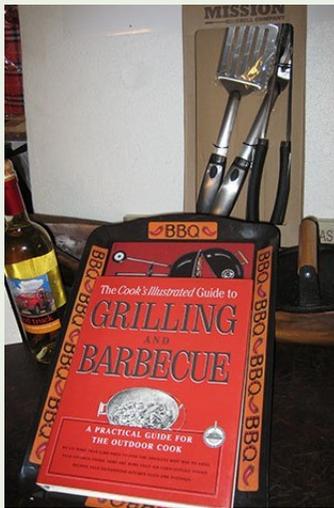
High school band program draws FOJ’s newest members

Friends of Jazz welcomes its new members, who came on board during the newly-revived high school jazz band program’s first handful of performances:

- Tyler August
- Brian and Gina Beelner
- Cynthia Bergo
- Carolyn DeBenard
- Maria Lozano and Fausto Lopez

- L. Morenus and family
- Eugenie Ogilvie
- Jerome Ortiz
- Gustavo Prieto
- Carlos Ramos
- Mike and Nancy Rudd
- Omar Sanchez
- Elena Seward

You, too, can bid on and win these silent auction prizes



Above: BBQ set, including tray, grill implements and "The Cook's Illustrated Guide to Grilling and Barbecue," plus wooden canoe.



Above left: Set of classic Waterford fine China dinner plates, coffee cups and more. Top center: 15 items from the Mystic Hills Vineyard in San Miguel, including three bottles of red wine, two wine glasses, and one wine and cheese pairing for six. Right: Angels merchandise & gift items, including two tee-shirts, blanket, coffee mug, rally monkey and Vladimir Guerrero bobblehead. Lower left: "Paris" items: "Paris" quilt, Eiffel Tower metal sculpture, mugs, bottle of wine. Center: Crustacean ceramics (crab- and lobster-themed bowls and more). Below right: Whale Watching Day at the Beach: Whale Watching (Newport Landing) gift certificate, sandpiper, seal, fish, and beach-themed plate. Lower right corner: Assorted vintage wine collection.



Photos by Eric Marchese



Above: Items from the Musical Instrument Museum in Phoenix, AZ, including "A Journey Through the Musical Instrument Museum" (deluxe book), coffee mug, and MIM and FOJ baseball caps.



Partial list of silent auction items for FOJ's 2022 Mardi Gras Ball

These are some of the goodies that you'll be bidding on. Many of these items will be grouped together in theme-oriented baskets and collections, so once you arrive at the ball, keep your eyes peeled for the items you'd like to bid on!

- ◆ Family membership to Muckenthaler Cultural Center. Value: \$100.
- ◆ Magic Castle pass for four (4). Value: \$140.
- ◆ Riverside Hotel & Casino Resort gift certificate for complimentary three-day/two-night stay in a standard room (good through 8/31/22 for Sunday through Thursday (excludes weekends, holidays and special events); call 800.227.3849 for reservations. Value: \$76.
- ◆ The Summit House \$125 gift certificate
- ◆ Two (2) seats to any Pacific Symphony Classical Series concert (good through 6/10/22). Value: \$170.
- ◆ Two (2) tickets to Angels 2022 regular season game. Value: \$300.
- ◆ 3-D Theatricals gift certificate for four (4) tickets to "Newsies" (May 13-29, 2022). Value: \$360.
- ◆ Chance Theater gift certificate for four (4) complimentary tickets good for any 2022 season production (good through 12/31/22). Value: \$200.
- ◆ Matador Cantina \$100 gift certificate.
- ◆ Golden West Tire Co., Fullerton. Front-end alignment, tire rotation and balancing, top-off of fluids, complete safety check (good through 3/31/23). Value: \$230.
- ◆ Brand-new (in the box) Yamaha keyboard. Value: \$279.
- ◆ Lenox set: six (6) dinner plates, six (6) small plates, six (6) mugs. Estimated value: \$200-\$240.
- ◆ Small Route 66 carry-on suitcase and matching hat. Estimated value: \$85-\$100.
- ◆ 24"x42" oil on canvas painting, unframed. Value: \$150.
- ◆ Instant Pot w/ accessories. Value: \$100.
- ◆ Big's \$50 gift certificate.
- ◆ Two \$35 gift certificates to Two Saucy Broads Pizza, Fullerton. Value: \$70.
- ◆ Piology gift certificate redeemable for ten (10) pizzas.
- ◆ Italian basket with two wine glasses and one bottle of Chianti. Value: \$40.

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_____ Yes, I'd like to help with fundraisers, scholarship awards, mailings! Please contact me.

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

Website: friendsofjazzinc.com

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FRIENDS OF JAZZ
cordially invites you to its
2022 Mardi Gras Ball



CSUF Titan Ramblers
Bill Cunliffe, Director
Fullerton College Jazz Band and guest artists
Bruce Babad, Director
Fullerton College J-Train
Jamie Shew, Director

5:00 p.m. Sunday, March 27, 2022
Fullerton Elks Lodge
1400 Elks View Lane, Fullerton

\$125 per person

Black Tie or Mardi Gras Costume Optional

Please RSVP by 3/13: Charlotte Henderson 714-870-9067 or Dottie Batinich 714-525-6669

Mardi Gras Ball 2022 Reservation Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____ Email _____

I would also like to make a donation of \$ _____ to Friends of Jazz to help offset the cost of the Mardi Gras Ball.

I cannot attend but would like to donate \$ _____ to Friends of Jazz.

Payment method: Check VISA MasterCard AMEX

Card # _____ Expiration Date: _____

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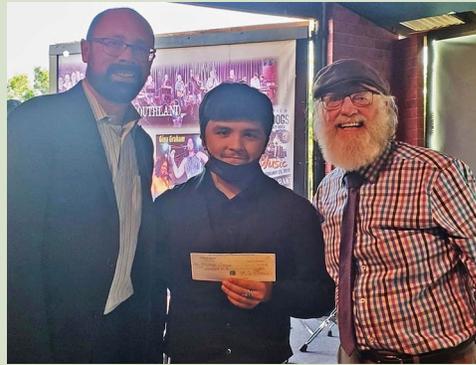
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FOJ's high school jazz band program is off to a rip-roaring start



Photos by Judi McDuff



Main Street Bar & Grill in Yorba Linda hosted our first three high school jazz band concerts of the year. Mission Viejo High trombone player Brice Kirk, left, was the scholarship winner on Feb. 26. La Serna High's Alessandro Villatora, alto/soprano sax player, seen above (center) flanked by band director Matt Rohrs and FOJ's Jim Harlan, the program's director, captured the top prize on Feb. 19. On Feb. 12, Esperanza High's Bryan Bergo (above right), seen with director Brad Davis, blew us away with his trumpet playing. Each individual was awarded \$500, with the same sum going to each high school's band program.



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Upcoming Events:

- March 27, 2022: 20th Annual Friends of Jazz Mardi Gras Ball, Fullerton Elks Lodge
- April 22-23, 2022: Fullerton College's 47th Annual Jazz Festival, Fullerton

Give a scholarship to FOJ in your name

Many a past Friends of Jazz member or supporter has given generously to help our many students in their continuing studies learning and performing jazz.

If you donate \$500 to FOJ, we'll create a scholarship in your name. We can even have you help award the scholarship at a Friends of Jazz event.

For more details, call Nick Batinich at 714-525-6669. 

AROUND TOWN



Don't miss the chance to hear the area's top high school jazz musicians in Friends of Jazz's newly revived high school jazz band program. Run by Jim Harlan of FOJ, we're now congregating at Main Street Restaurant in Yorba Linda. All concerts are free to the public. Doors open at noon and the concerts are from 1 to 3 p.m. Coming up in April and May are Katella High (April 16), Yorba Linda (April 23), Valencia (April 30), El Dorado (May 7), Fullerton (May 14) and Irvine (May 21).

Sunset Jazz at Bayside has a full slate of new concerts on Tuesday nights in March, April and May. March 15 spotlights the Benny Benack III quartet. March 29 features vocalist Tierney Sutton as she celebrates the music of Alan and Marilyn Bergman. On April 12, it's Ella and Ray featuring Barbara Morrison and Billy Valentine as they celebrate their heroes, Ella Fitzgerald and Ray Charles. April 26 is a swingin' "triple treat" of Hammond B3 wizard Tony Monaco, guitarist Grant Geissman and drummer/vocalist Dave Tull. May 3 will deliver an evening of bossa nova and straight-ahead jazz with Teka Penteriche and her band, joined by saxophonist Rickey Woodard. Bayside is located at 900 Bayside Drive in Newport Beach. Concerts are from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the main dining room, and reservations are required. For information, visit sunsetjazznewport.com or call 949-759-5003.

The annual Muckenthaler Jazz Festival is back in full swing with six consecutive Thursday-night concerts starting on May 12 with Debby Ebert and the CSUF Jazz Orchestra and ending on June 16 with Omaro Ruiz and Catina DeLuna. For tickets and information, call 714-738-6595 or send an email to info@themuck.org.

If you love the music of Ella Fitzgerald (and who doesn't?), you won't want to miss "First Lady of Song: Alexis J. Roston sings Ella Fitzgerald" at Laguna Playhouse March 2-20. For tickets and information, call 949-497-2787 or visit lagunaplayhouse.com. 