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## Mardi Gras 2022 — Special Edition

# JAZZ NOTES

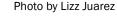
## The good times rolled at Mardi Gras 2022!

At this year's Mardi Gras Ball, held on March 27 at the Fullerton Elks Lodge, about 110 guests had plenty to celebrate, and they really let their hair down. And it was all for a good cause: keeping music in the schools.

And boy did they celebrate! Two bands in two rooms. Plenty of dancing, parading, eating, drinking and just plain merriment.

At 5pm, doors opened for cocktail hour, and guests were greeted by the CSUF Titan Ramblers (Bill Cunliffe, director) playing in the New Orleans Room. They were served delicious hors-d'oeuvres, given a drink ticket, and had a photo taken while the band entertained. Other gifts included a commemorative wineglass, ballpoint pen, and a small notebook. They also got their first look at the array of silent auction items beautifully displayed in numerous baskets and bought tickets for a 50/50 drawing and for bottles of wine.

Dressed in their finest clothes, masks and costumes, guests joyfully joined in the krewe parade led by FOJ's dragon and the Titan Ramblers throughout the lodge, dancing and waving beautifully decorated parasols, while vocalist Barbara Johnson sang "When the



Saints Go Marching In."

In the Main Ballroom, the Fullerton College Dance Band, directed by Bruce Babad, provided some great entertainment for listening, and there was plenty of dancing. Of course, what ball would not be complete without the introduction of the king and queen, Nick and Dottie Batinich, whose reign began at the 2020 Mardi Gras ball just before the pandemic and will continue through 2023.

Jennifer Hart, former Director of School Programs, received a certificate of appreciation from FOJ President Colleen Wadsworth, for managing and teaching the school recorder program for many years.

After guests enjoyed a delicious dinner, the band played on, and Fullerton College J-Train vocalists, including their director, Jamie Shew, sang several crowd-pleasing jazz standards.

After the ball was over, CSUF and Fullerton College student musicians jammed together in the New Orleans Room.

Fortunately, Friends of Jazz raised enough money from this annual event to continue to offer their programs to the community. (continued on page 3)

### 2022 Jazz Festival begins soon!

The Muckenthaler Cultural Center announces its 2022 Jazz Festival. Here is the lineup:

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May 19 Bill Cunliffe & Imaginacion

May 16 **Tony Guerrero** 

June 2 Lolly Allen

June 9 Bruce Forman, John Clayton, Jeff Hamilton

June 16 Otmaro Ruiz and Catina DeLuna

Concerts are held Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30pm. Contact The Muck for information & tickets (714) 738-6595 or info@themuck.org.

## High School jazz band concerts

High school jazz band concerts are being held at Main Street Bar & Grill in Yorba Linda. Nine weeks of high school jazz bands are sponsored by Friends of Jazz and the Johnny Carson April 30 Valencia HS Foundation. High school senior received a \$500 scholarship, and a \$500 stipend is awarded to the band by Jim Harlan, FOJ's HS Jazz Band Coordinator.

These Saturday concerts start at 1pm; the remaining dates are as follows:

April 16 Katella HS

April 23 Yorba Linda HS

May 7 El Dorado HS

May 14 Fullerton HS

May 21 Irvine HS

These concerts are free to the public and lots of fun.

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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: high school jazz concerts at a new venue, Main Street Restaurant in Yorba Linda, February through May; a beach party June 5; a members party Sept. 18; scholarship awards; and Mardi Gras 2023!

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.

Student scholarships from Friends of Jazz are now available. Apply online: www.friendsofjazzinc.com.



Jazz Appreciation Month

#### 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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## **Upcoming Jazz Events!**

CSUF Jazz Singers, 8pm, April 26, Meng Hall

Sunset Jazz at Bayside, Spring Supper Club Edition Series April 26; May 3, 2022.

FOJ High School Jazz Bands, Saturdays, 1pm, Apr.16-May 21, Main Street Restaurant, Yorba Linda

Barbara Morrison Tribute, Wednesday, 7:30pm, May 4, Muckenthaler Cultural Center

FOJ Beach Party, Sunday, 5-9pm, June 5, Main St. Restaurant, Yorba Linda

FOJ Members Party, Sunday, 4-8pm, Sept. 18, Calderons, Brea

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

Ron Kobayashi, Thursdays & Fridays, Bayside, Newport Beach

#### Thanks to these new & returning members—

Rudolph Stein Donn & Debby Rohrs Emily Farr Nicole Montoy 🙀 Manuel & Zuraida Ruiz Michelle Duncan Owen Shellenbarger 🙀 ★ Lisa Batinich Luis & Dana Antolin Gary & Lynn Chalupsky → Charles Fletcher Rich & Kathy Kempiah Ellie Castillo 

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

Richard Abraham & Debbi Ebert, Jazz/Piano/Vocals (714) 323-1426 E

Bruce Babad, Jazz Sax (714) 992-7275 E, L



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Jan Jordan, Jazz/Classical/Pops Piano 714) 803-5780 **L** 

Ron Kobayashi, Jazz/Classical/Pops Piano (714) 289-0364 **E** 

Jennifer Hart, Jazz/Pops Vocals Piano (714) 533-8833 (949) 233-5476 **E**, **L** 

South Coast Quartet (Dennis Aigner), Vocal Jazz (949) 497-7134 E

Michael Le Van, Jazz/Pops/Vocals/Piano (562) 714-4415 **E** 

Chris Carranza, (714) 539-0552, PT Jim Boydston, (760) 865-8578, PT

**Key:** E= Entertainment, L = Lessons

PT = Piano Tuning



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#### Mardi Gras 2022 continued

Many thanks to the National Charity League gals and their moms for helping make the event a success. Kudos to Larry Arthur, MGB Director; Don Dyer, Co-Director; Pam Appleman, Auction Chair; Wayne Mason, Emcee; and to the Mardi Gras Ball committee for tirelessly putting it all together.

Now in its 23rd year, Friends of Jazz is supported by the Johnny Carson Foundation.

















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

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