

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.

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2022 Jazz Festival begins soon!

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

May 12	Debbi Ebert & CSUF Jazz Orchestra
May 19	Bill Cunliffe & Imagination
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 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
April 30	Valencia 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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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.

April is



Jazz Appreciation Month

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Thanks to these new & returning members—

★ Rudolph Stein Donn & Debby Rohrs Emily Farr Nicole Montoy
 ★ Manuel & Zuraída Ruiz Michelle Duncan Owen Shellenbarger
 ★ Lisa Batinich Luis & Dana Antolin Gary & Lynn Chalupsky
 ★ Charles Fletcher Rich & Kathy Kempiah Ellie Castillo
 ★ Charleen Keuilian Eric & Joan Stevenson

Key: E= Entertainment, L = Lessons
PT = Piano Tuning



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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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