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JAZZ NOTES

High School jazz band concerts wind up on high note

The last of nine high school jazz bands performed in April this year. All nine bands received \$500 stipends and nine outstanding students (one from each band) were given \$500 scholarships, for a total of \$9,000.

Kudos to our new venue, Rembrandt's Kitchen & Bar, for giving these students the opportunity to perform in a club setting and for their excellent service. Thanks to FOJ President Colleen Wadsworth for finding this new venue. Thanks to all the bands and their directors who participated. And many thanks to Jim Harlan, Coordinator of the High School Jazz Band program, for organizing and hosting these performances during the past years. We look forward to hearing even more talented students perform next year.



Irvine Band Director Bob Avzaradel and Scholarship Winner Eli Rapp



Yorba Linda Band Director Bincins Garcia and Scholarship Winner Brady Nguyen









Katella Band Director Dylan Harlan & Scholarship Winner Jeremiah Keuilian with Jim Harlan



Friends of Jazz presents

Western Hoedown

Sunday, June 4
5-9pm \$55/person
Barbeque Buffet
Music by Coyote Sunrise Band
The Velvet Rose, Orange, CA
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To Our Friends & Supporters

We are now in our 24th year, however, grants, donations and memberships are down. We greatly appreciate your support as we plan some fun events for 2023: Western Hoedown Party on June 4, Members Party Sept.10, Casino Night (Fall), and College Scholarship Awards Nov. 4.

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. Thank you to all who have renewed or joined as new members. (See membership application on page 3.)

We welcome our new and renewing members—

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★ Eli Rapp, Michele Kelly, Connie
 ★ Mao, Tina Peterson, David
 ★ Liang, Shirley Luong, Monica
 ★ Orozco, Angel Perez, Tom
 ★ Short, Owen Shellenbarger, Rick
 ★ & Kathy Kempiak, J. De Los
 ★ Reyes, Christine Tillman

We need Fourth-Grade Recorder Teachers for Fall 2023

Teach children in local elementary schools how to read music and improvise their own melodies by playing the recorder. We play the music of Ella, Satchmo, The Duke, and Count Basie and show children the fun of making music in hope that they'll want to join the band in the 5th grade. The program lasts 10 weeks each semester, 30 minutes per classroom per week.

This is a paid position. If you're interested, please contact Cindy Leone, cl7850@aol.com

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Call/text me with comments or questions.

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Upcoming Jazz Events!

Muckenthaler Jazz Festival, Thurs., May 11-June 15, 7:30pm

OC Ragtime Society, Sat., May 20, 2-5pm, Spice Social, Fullerton

FOJ Western Hoedown, Sun., June 4, 5-9pm, The Velvet Rose

Sunset Jazz at Bistango, Newport Beach, Tues/Wed, 6-8:30pm, June 27-Sept. 19. Info: (949) 759-5003

Pilgrim's Coffee House Student Jazz, 1 Friday/mo., 7:30pm, Fullerton

Debbi Ebert, 6-10pm Fri./Sat. at Cedar Creek Inn, Brea



Your membership matters. It's time for our annual membership drive. If your membership has expired, the sooner you renew it, the better for FOJ and its mission—keeping music in the schools. A membership form for first-time members, renewals, or to make a donation is on page three of this issue.

We also need you to help us reach out to others and ask them to join – so we're asking every current member to find at least one family member, friend, co-worker, neighbor or acquaintance and urge them to join us. Once they hear about Friends of Jazz's positive influence within the community, they'll want to be part of our helping students. And you all get to enjoy our parties and events.

Donations over and above membership dues are the lifeblood that keeps us going, so you can also help there. And you can write off your donations to Friends of Jazz when you itemize your taxes.

If you can't renew or join, please consider volunteering for us. Thank you for whatever you can do to help keep music in schools!

18th Annual Muck Jazz Festival Begins

May 11 Rodolfo Zuniga, Femi Knight, & CSUF Jazz Orchestra, Bill Cunliffe, Director

May 18 Roy McCurdy Quintet

May 25 New West Guitars

June 1 John B. Williams Tribute to Ray Brown

June 8 Ernie Watts Quartet

June 15 Poncho Sanchez

Concerts are Thursdays, 7:30pm. Contact The Muck for info/ tickets (714) 738-6595 or info@themuck.org.

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Membership Categories for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Student (\$20)	Invitation to Friends of Jazz events, recognition in FOJ newsletter
General (\$50)	Invitation to Friends of Jazz events, recognition in FOJ newsletter
Friend (\$100)	All benefits of General level plus two complimentary tickets, when available, to a jazz event at CSUF or Fullerton College.
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	All benefits of Benefactor level plus two complimentary tickets to the FOJ Mardi Gras gala dinner-dance.
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College jazz programs wrap up the 2023 spring semester

On Friday, May 5, the **Fullerton Jazz Orchestra**, under the direction of **Bill Cunliffe**, performed an outstanding concert in Meng Hall. The orchestra opened with Duke Ellington's "In a Mellow Tone," followed by a Stevie Wonder medley of "My Cherie Amour" and "Sir Duke." These numbers featured guest artist **Michael Dease**, trombonist.

The 17 Cal State Fullerton Jazz Singers, directed by Andreas Preponis, sang "I'm Going to Sit Right Down, and Write Myself a Letter," accompanied by the Fullerton Jazz Orchestra, and "Vincent" (a capella).

A jazzy arrangement of Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," arranged by Bill Cunliffe, featured Alison Edwards and



Sam Hirsh on piano with the orchestra. The orchestra and soloist Dease performed "Shortcake," "Autumn Leaves," and "I'm Glad There Is You." Bill Cunliffe performed a duet of "On Green Dolphin Street" with Michael Dease. "Little Lucas," and "Two Bass Hit" completed the program.

On Tuesday, May 9, the

Fullerton College Jazz Band, along with the J-Train Vocal Jazz and Synergy Vocal Jazz Ensembles, delivered a swingin' musical evening directed by Bruce Babad and Jamie Shew.

The 19-piece jazz band played big band numbers such as "Stella by Starlight," "Billie's Bounce," "Caravan" and others, including "Outta Space." They also accompanied the vocal jazz ensembles on several tunes.

J-Train comprised 10 vocal jazz students who sang 6 numbers including "You Make Me Feel So Young," "I Remember You," and "A Hundred Dreams from Now." The singers were accompanied by



Jauher Basrai, on piano; Edward Ponce, bass; and Gabriel Haraldson-Decker, drums. They sang the lovely "If It Could Be" *a capella*. The 9-member Synergy Ensemble, along with J-Train and the jazz band, closed the program with "Do You Wanna Know What I Want."

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

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

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