Friends of Jazz, Inc.: Celebrating our 25th Anniversary!

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FOJ Membership Party is almost here! Come join us!



Sunday, Sept. 8, is the date for our 24th annual Membership Party featuring live jazz by FOJ's talented students and professional musicians, including guest soloists. Paul and Amy Hinz are hosting this annual event at their home in Rowland Heights.

The evening begins at 5pm and includes dinner, opportunity drawing, a silent auction and a wine table. There's a no-host bar and the dress is casual. Tickets are \$35 each. Attendance is limited (first-come, first-served) and you must purchase tickets in advance. This event is open to FOJ members and guests.

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2024-25, do it now so you can attend this fun annual event.

Invitations were mailed in August. For more info and to make your reservation, contact Dottie Batinich at (714) 525-6669.

This is a great time to get to know fellow jazz lovers and enjoy plenty of live jazz. We hope to see you there!

Photos from last year's Membership Party



Save the dates for Fall 2024 college jazz concerts

Lots of student jazz concerts are planned for this Fall at our two local colleges: Cal State University, Fullerton, and Fullerton College.

Remember—these events are free to Friends of Jazz members. Just tell the box office that you're with Friends of Jazz and you'll get a free ticket at each jazz concert. We'll also be awarding loads of scholarships to the bands and students at the two colleges in November and December.

Your membership matters.

If your membership has expired, the sooner you renew it, the better for FOJ and its mission keeping music in the schools. (See membership application on page 3.)

Please reach out to others – 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 get to enjoy our parties and events: Membership party Sept. 8, 25th anniversary party Oct. 20, college scholarship concerts in Fall.

Donations and membership dues keep us alive. Besides checks and credit cards, we accept stocks and cash; all are tax-deductible. If you can't renew or join, volunteer for us!

Judi McDuff, Editor, (714) 271-0647 Call/text me with comments or questions.

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Fri., Oct. 4	Fullerton Jazz Orchestra, 8pm, Bill Cunliffe, CSUF Meng Hall
Thurs., Oct. 24	CSUF Jazz Small Groups, 8pm, Recital Hall, Rm. 119
Tues., Nov. 12	Fullerton College Jazz Band, J-Train, & Scholarship Awards, Bruce Babad, 7:30pm, Campus Theatre
Wed., Nov. 13	Fullerton College Jazz Combos, Babad/Scott, 7:30pm, Campus Theatre
Wed., Nov. 20	CSUF Jazz Singers, Teryn Re, director, 8pm, CSUF Meng Hall
Tues., Nov. 26	Fullerton College Synergy Vocal Jazz & Lab Band, Teryn Re, Michael Scott, 7:30pm, Campus Theatre
Thurs., Dec. 5	CSUF Jazz Small Groups, 8pm, Recital Hall, Rm. 119
Fri., Dec. 6	Fullerton Jazz Orchestra & Scholarship Awards, Bill Cunliffe, Rodolfo Zuniga, 8pm, CSUF Meng Hall
Tues., Dec. 10	Fullerton Jazz Orchestra & Jazz Chamber Ensemble, 8pm, CSUF Meng Hall

More Members Party 2023 pix



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

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 (949) 233-5476 E, L

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

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Benefactor (\$1,000+)		All benefits of Patron level plus two additional complimentary tickets to the Sponsors party.						
Gold Benefactor (\$2,500+)		All benefits of Benefactor level plus two complimentary tickets to the FOJ Mardi Gras gala dinner-dance.						
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Those involved with Friends of Jazz, even those who've been members for a while, may not realize that joining up and attending events are just two ways to help FOJ realize its mission.

Those who volunteer to help us with our various events and projects play a huge role in our success. So please, give our board president, Colleen Wadsworth, a call (at 714-273-7504) and see if your talents, skills and areas of interest are a good fit with what we all do on an ongoing basis to help us keep music in our schools.

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, Sept. 8 24th Annual Membership Party The Hinz Home 5-9pm Tickets/Information: (714) 525-6669

Give a Scholarship in Your Name

We're 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 (714) 525-6669.



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We're Celebrating!



Friends of Jazz will celebrate our 25th Anniversary this October. Get ready to share an awesome event with us!



The talented Jennifer Hart sings at Baci Restaurant in Huntington Beach the second Friday of each month, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Jazz vocalist Debbi Ebert, accompanied by Richard Ihara, can be heard Friday and Saturday nights from 6 to 10pm at Cedar Creek Inn in Brea. Crooner Gavin Braun sings at local venues including the Tartan Room, Keno's and Twisted Vine.

Live jazz and blues happen at Fullerton's Twisted Vine, 127 W. Commonwealth Ave. Check out free jazz concerts on weekends at Les Amis, 128 W. Wilshire Ave., Fullerton. Ragtime is on at Half-Off Books, 114 W. Wilshire Ave., Fullerton, 2-5pm on Sept. 21, Oct. 19; and Dec. 14. Free admission and parking.

Enjoy live music from the Sunset Jazz at Bistango's in Irvine Summer Series, Wed., Sept. 4, Byron Stripling/Bobby Floyd Quartet; Tues., Sept. 17, Chuck Redd-Tom Ranier Quartet. Call (949) 759-5003 for tickets/info.

On Monday, Sept. 9, individual and season ticket holders from this summer's Sunset Jazz series can enjoy a discounted concert at Bayside Restaurant. All others must purchase seats at the regular price. Artists are John Proulx, Rickey Woodard, Alex Frank, Kevin Winard and Kye Palmer, 6-8:30pm, Bayside Restaurant, Irvine. Call Joe asap (949) 759-5003.

Coming soon: The Cal Jazz Arts Society presents Denean Dyson and The Ron Kobayashi Trio on Oct. 13, 2pm, at the home of Dale Boatman. Reservations: dale175@aol.com.