

JIVE TALKIN'

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Stars and stripes party a super fun evening

The 5 Star Band played at FOJ's "Stars and Stripes Party," held on Saturday, May 18 at the Fullerton Elks Lodge. A small but enthusiastic group enjoyed listening and dancing to oldies music and bidding on some great-looking auction items. The local band played a variety of tunes, after beginning the night with "God Bless America," and even took requests. Many guests were dressed in patriotic attire.

And the food! Another delicious buffet served by Chef Z and his crew. With apple strudel and ice cream for dessert.

Thanks to all those who volunteered to make this party a fun evening. All proceeds support keeping music in schools.



CSUF Jazz Orchestra tours New Zealand

On May 24, Cal State University, Fullerton's Jazz Orchestra flew to New Zealand for a whirlwind tour, with a lot of rainy weather, returning June 3. Director Bill Cunliffe and Rodolfo Zuniga, Assistant Professor of Jazz Studies, led the 17 student musicians in a number of clinics and concerts in several cities, beginning in Auckland, then on to Hamilton, Wellington, and Palmerston, and returning to Auckland to fly home. Concerts and clinics were held in Hamilton, at the New Zealand School of Music and the Globe Theatre in Wellington, and the Expressions Theatre in Palmerston. The jazz band was very well received everywhere they played.

Kudos to Bill and Rodolfo for their direction and for the CSUF jazz students who enjoyed the trip of a lifetime while keeping jazz alive.

Funds for the trip were provided by various sources including the School of the Arts, Friends of Jazz, Associated Students of Fullerton, the Johnny Carson Foundation, and GoFundMe.



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 p3.)

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!

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



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PT = Piano Tuning



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CSUF & Fullerton College musicians end the semester with swingin' jazz

On Friday, May 3, Cal State University’s Fullerton Jazz Orchestra, under Bill Cunliffe’s direction, played tunes arranged/composed by “Great Women of Jazz”—with music by Melba Liston, Mary Lou Williams, Mina Choi, Eva Scow, McCoy Tyner and Count Basie. The 26-voice Fullerton Jazz Singers, under director Teryn Re, sang selected jazz tunes. The concert showcased the great jazz mandolinist, composer/arranger Eva Scow. Mina Choi was guest composer and conductor.

Tuesday, May 14 marked the concert by the 18-piece Fullerton College Big Band, directed by Bruce Babad. The vocal jazz ensembles J-Train and Synergy, directed by Jamie Shew, sang “Open Invitation,” “Desert Song,” “Revelations,” “What is this thing called Love,” “There Is no Greater Love,” and “Tight.” The band played “23° North, 82° West,” “Always and Forever,” “Furioso,” “Goodbye Pork Pie Hat,” “Even More Blues,” “Boomerang,” and “Home at Last.” These concerts wound up another jazz-filled year for

the two local colleges; both are supported by Friends of Jazz and the Johnny Carson Foundation.

We're Celebrating!

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

SAVE THE DATE!



Sunday, Sept. 8
Membership Party
The Hinz Home




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AROUND TOWN



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 June 15, July 20; and Sept. 21.

Enjoy Sunset Jazz at Bistango—2024 Summer Series. Concerts are held at Bistango's, 19100 Von Karman Ave., Irvine, beginning Tues., June 24 with the Dave Damiani All-Stars featuring Rickey Woodard. Following dates are: July 9, 23; Aug. 6, 20, 21; Sept. 4, 17. Tickets and info: (949) 759-5003 or www.sunsetjazz@newport.com.