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Members and guests revel in a blast of cool jazz

Sunday, Sept. 7, was a night of cool jazz for members of Friends of Jazz at their 25th annual membership party, held at the beautiful home of Paul and Amy Hinz. About 90 guests enjoyed the festivities, which included an open bar, silent auction, taco dinner, dessert, and plenty of swingin' jazz by both jazz students and professional musicians.

Students from Fullerton College and Cal State University, Fullerton provided the entertainment, along with professional singers Debbi Ebert and Jamie Shew. Fullerton College's Bruce Babad played some upbeat tunes. President Colleen Wadsworth welcomed the partygoers, and FOJ members Paul and Amy Hinz spoke on the benefits of being part of Friends of Jazz, a worthy group of jazz lovers who are celebrating 26 years of keeping music in the schools. Welcome guests were founder Jean Klinghoffer and her son, Jeff. It was a fun night and raised money for jazz students. Thanks to our hosts, King Paul and Queen Amy, the National Charity League gals, our bartenders and all those who made this annual event possible.



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More pictures from our Annual Members Party





















Announcement: Friends of Jazz member Eva Schneider is honoring her husband, Fred's, life with a new scholarship. Call (714) 525-6669 for more information.

Fred Schneider

Pilgrims Coffee House fall jazz series begins

They're back! Join us for Pilgrim's Fall Jazz Series in historic downtown Fullerton on Fridays, Oct. 3 and Nov. 7 at 7pm. Enjoy specialty coffee, sweet treats, and great company as we celebrate art and music together.

First in the series was the Michael Choi Quintet who entertained a packed house on Sept. 12. The group played some old standards and favorites, along with some new tunes. Hope to see you there Oct. 3 and/or Nov. 7!



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Student (\$20)	Invitation to Friends of Jazz events, recognition in FOJ newsletter
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Your membership matters. Our annual membership drive is in full swing. If your membership has expired, the sooner you renew it, the better for FOJ and its mission—keeping music in the schools since 1999. Our music programs provide: Music at Schools, Music Showcase, Music Scholarships, and Music in the Community. A membership form for first-time members, renewals, or to make a donation is on p. 3.

Reach out to others and ask them to join – 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 helping students and get to enjoy our parties and events.

Donations are the lifeblood that keeps us going, so you can also help here. And you can write off your donations to Friends of Jazz when you itemize your taxes. We encourage stocks and business donations, as well. If you can't renew or join, please consider volunteering for us. Thank you for helping to keep music in schools!

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Upcoming Jazz Events!

Pilgrims Coffee House, Fri., Oct. 3, Nov. 7, 7pm, 124 W. Wilshire Ave., Fullerton

Buena Park HS Vocal Ensemble, Fri., Oct. 17, 7:30pm, Ehlers Community Center, Buena Park

OC Ragtime Society, Sat., Oct. 25, 2-5pm, Half-Off Books & Records, Fullerton

Elena Gilliam & Friends, Sun., Oct. 26, 2-4:30pm, CalJAS, Boatman Home, Alta Loma

FOJ thanks our new and returning members

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Barbara Fischer, Larry & Kitty Arthur, Jeff Klinghoffer, George & Jan Fontes, Roz & Vic Munoz,
Suzette Montgomery, Charles Fixa, Paulette &
Doug Chaffee, Eva Schneider, Helga & Dan
DiNardo, Paul Cosato, Tom Folenta, Tami
McCanless, Marion Brockett, Rick & Pat Nash,
George & Beverly Ennis



Lucy Peak

Condolences to Mike Peak and family on the passing of his wife, Lucy. Long-time FOJ members and generous supporters, Mike & Lucy held numerous jazz events at "Lucy's Place" in their Laguna Hills home, often as fundraisers for various charities, via The Peak Experience.

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Save the dates for Fall 2025 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. Here's the lineup so far:

Fri., Oct. 24	Fullerton Jazz Orchestra & Chamber Ensemble, 8pm, Bill
	Cunliffe, CSUF Meng Hall

Wed., Nov. 12 Fullerton College Jazz Combos, Babad/Scott, 7:30pm, Campus Theatre

Thurs., Nov. 13 Fullerton College Jazz Band, J-Train, & Scholarship Awards, Bruce Babad/Jamie Shew,7:30pm, Campus Theatre

Sun., Nov. 16 Fullerton Jazz Orchestra & University Symphony Orchestra, Pops: A Tribute to Johnny Carson, 3pm, CSUF Meng Hall

Tues., Nov. 18 Fullerton College Synergy Vocal Jazz & Lab Band, Michael Scott, 7:30pm, Campus Theatre

Wed., Nov. 19 CSUF Jazz Singers, Teryn Re, director, 8pm, CSUF Meng Hall Fri., Dec. 5 Fullerton Jazz Orchestra & Scholarship Awards, Bill Cunliffe,

Rodolfo Zuniga, 8pm, CSUF Meng Hall

Tues., Dec. 9 Fullerton Jazz Chamber Ensemble & Latin Jazz Ensemble, 8pm, CSUF Meng Hall