

Now in our 27th Year!

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JAZZ NOTES

High school jazz band concerts end on the right notes

The last of twelve high school jazz band concerts performed in April. Thirty-six outstanding students received \$500 stipends, for a total of \$18,000. A \$500 scholarship was donated to an outstanding La Serna jazz II student by FOJ members Rick & Carol Lansing. Thanks to Lone Wolf Brewing Co., Yorba Linda, for their excellent service and for giving these students the opportunity to perform in a public setting. And thanks to all the bands and their directors who participated: Esperanza, Mission Viejo, Trabuco Hills; Los Alamitos, El Dorado, University, Valencia, Yorba Linda; Oxford; Northwood; E. Roosevelt; La Serna high school jazz bands.

Kudos to Jim Harlan for organizing and hosting these wonderful performances.



Oxford Academy Jazz Band



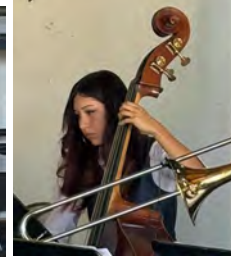
The Lansings & Nathan Merlano, Scholarship Winner



Northwood Jazz Band



Mission Viejo Winner



E Roosevelt Winner

Photos by Donna & Jim Harlan



La Serna Scholarships



Yorba Linda Scholarship Winners



Trabuco Hills Winners

Donate a scholarship

Help students study and perform jazz. 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.

You can also donate in memory of someone. Our newest scholarship is in memory of **Joe Henderson**, who headed our high school jazz program and served on the FOJ Executive Board for many years. Scholarship donations support our high school program.

For more details, please call Nick Batinich at (714) 525-6669.



Friends of presents

Jazz & Jambalaya Party

Sunday, May 17, 5-9pm, \$55

Buffet, silent auction, drawing, no-host bar
Music by the Dave Alcantar Band
Fullerton Elks Lodge

Tickets/Info: Dottie (714) 525-6669 or Colleen (714) 273-7504

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Keeping Music in Our Schools, Other Opportunities

____ Yes, I'd like to help with fundraisers, scholarship awards, mailings! Please contact me.

For more information, call Rudy Lara (714) 273-6515 or Jean Klinghoffer (714) 871-6342.
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Join or Renew Your Membership



Your membership matters. It's 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 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. We encourage business donations, as well. 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!

Local college jazz concerts

At the Cal State University, Fullerton campus: On May 1 the Fullerton Jazz Orchestra performs with David Binney, guest artist; and Blue Note, the Jazz Singers, perform at 8pm on May 4.

At the Fullerton campus: On May 5, the Synergy and Jazz Lab Band is being featured. Jazz Combos are showcased on May 7. And come hear the Jazz Band and vocal jazz group J-Train on May 19. Concerts take place at the Campus Theatre and start at 7:30 p.m.

These college jazz events are free to Friends of Jazz – just tell the box office you're an FOJ member.

Muck Jazz Fest is coming soon!

21st Annual Jazz Music Festival

Jazz Fest

THE MUCK PRESENTS

Fullerton Jazz with Clay Jenkins;
World of Guitars with Larry Koonse,
Ron Eschete and Andy Synowiec; Bill
Cunliffe and Debbi Ebert; The Bob
Reynolds Band; The Rob Rio Band;
Ann Hampton Callaway

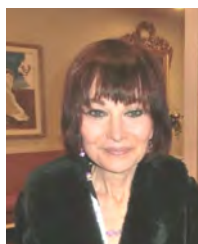
May 14 -
June 18

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News & Notes



Condolences to the family and friends of Barbara Fischer, who passed in March. She was a long-time supporter and member of Friends of Jazz, along with her Mom, Jean. She took lots of photographs of FOJ events and was a good friend and neighbor to Jean Klinghoffer. We miss her.

Wishing a speedy recovery to **Eric Marchese** at Anaheim Crest Nursing Center. Cards and calls are appreciated. We miss you, Eric, and hope you're lots better soon!



If you'd like to join FOJ or want to know more about us and upcoming events, check out our website:
www.friendsofjazzinc.com.