

FOJ Membership Party a fabulous night of jazz

On Sunday, Sept. 13, FOJ held our 26th annual Membership Party featuring live jazz by FOJ's talented students from Fullerton College and CSU Fullerton with professional guest soloists Debbi Ebert and Jamie Shew. Bruce Babad and Bill Cunliffe attended. Sonny Saenz hosted this annual event for 50 guests at his home.

The evening began at 5pm and included a delicious taco bar, dessert, opportunity drawing, and a silent auction. There was lots of great music and a no-host bar. This event was open to FOJ members and guests.

This was a great time to get to know fellow jazz lovers and enjoy plenty of live jazz by our wonderful college students. Kudos to our hard-working FOJ volunteers: Jeanie Stockwell, Colleen Wadsworth, King Don Dyer, Sheri Chu, Queen Judi McDuff, Larry & Kitty Arthur, Randi Hetrick, Ellie Castillo, and Sonny Saenz.

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2026-27, do it now so you can attend more fun events like this one. *(Photos by Kaaren Hathaway)*





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To Our Friends & Supporters

We're celebrating our 27th year of keeping music in the schools. But grants, donations and memberships are down. We greatly appreciate your support as we plan some more fun events for 2026: college scholarship awards in Nov./December; and a November sponsors party.

We can't do it without you. If you haven't already, please renew your membership or join as a new member (see p. 3 for membership application). If you can't join us, please consider donating to help us keep music in the schools. Thank you all.



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

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Upcoming Jazz Events

OCRS: Ragtime at Half-Off Books & Records, 114 W. Wilshire Ave., Fullerton, 2-5pm. Check the OCRS website for dates.

Jazz at Pilgrim's Coffee House, 124 W. Wilshire Ave., Fullerton, Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 20, 7-8:30pm

Debbi Ebert, 6pm, Fridays & Saturdays, Cedar Creek Inn, Brea

Jennifer Hart, Baci's Restaurant, Huntington Beach, 2nd Friday each month.

Save the dates for Fall 2026 college jazz concerts

Thurs., Oct. 1	Full. Coll Jazz Cadre, Shew, Babad, etal, 7:30pm, Campus Thea
Fri., Oct. 30	CSUF Fullerton Jazz Orchestra & Chamber Ensemble, w/guitarist Anthony Wilson, 8pm, Meng Hall
Mon., Nov. 9	Fullerton College Jazz Combos, Babad/Scott, 7:30pm, Campus Theatre
Thurs., Nov. 12	Fullerton College Jazz Band, J-Train, & Scholarship Awards, Bruce Babad/Jamie Shew, 7:30pm, Campus Theatre
Sun., Nov. 15	Fullerton Jazz Orchestra & University Symphony Orchestra, Fullerton Pops: Mainly Mancini, 3pm, CSUF Meng Hall
Tues., Nov. 17	Fullerton College Synergy Vocal Jazz & Lab Band, Michael Scott, 7:30pm, Campus Theatre
Wed., Nov. 18	CSUF Jazz Singers, Teryn Re, director, 8pm, CSUF Meng Hall
Fri., Dec. 4	Fullerton Jazz Chamber & Latin Jazz Ensemble, 8pm, Meng
Tues, Dec. 8	Fullerton Jazz Orchestra & Scholarship Awards, Bill Cunliffe, Rodolfo Zuniga, 8pm, CSUF Meng Hall

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

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(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

Chris Carranza, (714) 539-0552, PT
Jim Boydston, (760) 865-8578, PT
Harry Bui, (714) 276-5661

Key: E= Entertainment, L = Lessons PT = Piano Tuning



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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.
Sponsor (\$250)	All benefits of Friend level plus two complimentary tickets to the Sponsors party.
Patron (\$500)	All benefits of Sponsor level plus recognition at a student scholarship presentation.
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.

MEMBERSHIP FOR JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027

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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)

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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!
























Thanks to these new & returning members—



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*Condolences to family and friends
of Kitty and Larry Arthur on the re-
cent passing of Larry's Dad, David.*

Get well soon, Jerry!



2026-27 Mardi Gras
King and Queen
Don Dyer & Judi McDuff
at the Members Party



**SAVE THE DATE: Fullerton Pops Orchestra,
Sunday, Nov. 15, 3pm, CSUF Meng Hall**



Friends of Jazz presents our annual

Sponsors Party

Our annual Sponsors Party is usually held in January but we're planning it for this November.

This party is Free to Sponsors and Above.

Watch for your invitation in the mail.