Here we go!

By Tim Coakley

♦ The 2007 season of A Place for Jazz boasts a stellar lineup of performers and a wide variety of styles and sounds.

♦ We begin on Sept. 14 with the legendary vocalist Mark Murphy, who has been recognized by critics and colleagues alike as one of the most creative and dynamic of jazz singers.

♦ On Sept. 26, we welcome back pianist Jeb Patton, who appeared with Jimmy Heath in a memorable concert in 1997. This year, he brings his own trio with a batch of jazz standards and original compositions.

♦ The brilliant baritone saxophonist Gary Smulyan will entertain us with his quartet on Oct. 12. a member of the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, Gary was the number one choice on his instrument in this year’s Downbeat poll.

♦ Trombonist Wycliffe Gordon, one of the most distinctive voices on his instrument, will bring a quartet to the Great Hall of the First Unitarian Society on Oct. 26. Wycliffe is well-known for his dynamic style, sense of humor, and even the occasional vocal!

♦ Wrapping things up on Nov. 9 will be Keith Pray and his Big Soul Ensemble. This outstanding array of the Capital Region’s finest musicians has been performing together for some time, and has amassed a creative and inspirational collection of original compositions and new arrangements of old favorites. This talented group will bring our season to a swinging finale.
A Place for Jazz has recently been granted 501(c)3 tax-exempt status by the IRS. That means that your contributions to and memberships in APFJ are tax-deductible, as they have been in previous years under the tax-deductible status of the First Unitarian Society of Schenectady (Remember those checks made out to Jazz/FUSS?).

As we begin operations as an independent, not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization, we remind everyone that the fall concert series carries with it a number of expenses. In addition to the performance fees we pay to the musicians, we pay for their lodging, provide them with dinner before the concert, and give them a small mileage fee. We also have to rent sound and, occasionally, musical equipment, and pay the piano tuner and sound technician.

In addition, we have to pay a rental fee to the First Unitarian Society for the use of the hall, the cafeteria for our intermissions, and the musicians' dressing room. We also have printing and mailing expenses for the newsletter, as well as for posters and fliers. We pay for most of our ads in the Daily Gazette, although they give us some complimentary ads. We also must maintain our Post Office box.

In short, we have expenses. While we are grateful to the Schenectady County Initiative Program for their annual grant, most of our funding comes from your memberships and contributions, all of which go directly into our bank account for future concerts and the costs thereof. So we hope you will continue your support of A Place for Jazz, and you can do so with the knowledge that your contributions are tax-deductible.

October promises to be quite a month for jazz in the Capital Region. In addition to the concerts by Gary Smulyan and Wycliffe Gordon at A Place for Jazz, the following events are on tap:

On Saturday, Oct. 6, at 7:30 p.m., vocalist Sheila Jordan will appear at the new GE Theater in Proctor’s Arcade in Schenectady. She will be joined by Steve Kuhn, who did such a great job for us at A Place for Jazz in 2005, on piano, and Cameron Brown on bass.

Free parking is available; doors open at 6:30 pm. Proctors is wheelchair accessible.

Tickets are available at (518) 434-1703 and online at www.eighthstep.org, by telephone charge, walkup and internet charge through Proctors Box Office at (518) 346-6204, or at these ticket outlets:

- Albany: Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza
- Troy: Market Block Books (River St)
- Clifton Park: The GreenGrocer (Rte 9, Halfmoon Plaza)
- Saratoga: Celtic Treasures (Broadway)

On Sunday, Oct. 14, The Swingtime Jazz Society will hold another of its concert-jam sessions at the Stockade Inn, 1 N. Church St., Schenectady. This one will feature a return visit by The Jazz Voices. The group comprises Teresa Broadwell, Colleen Pratt and Jody Shayne with the Peg Delaney Trio. They will perform from 4 to 6 p.m., with a jam session to follow. Reservations and information are available at (518) 346-3400.

On Tuesday, Oct. 16, the Empire Jazz Orchestra, directed by Bill Meckley will give its fall concert at 8 p.m. at Schenectady County Community College. The concert is titled “In With the New, Great Contemporary Writing for Big Band.” It will featured such compositions as “Triple Dance” by Dave Holland, “Chucho” by Paquito D’Rivera, “Cut and Run” by Gordon Goodwin and John LaBarbera’s arrangement of Elmer Bernstein’s “Walk on the Wild Side.” Colleen Pratt will also sing some of the music from her CD ‘I Thought About You.” Further information is available at (518)381-1231.

On Thursday, Oct. 18, guitarist Pat Metheny will bring his trio to the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall. He will be joined by the great bassist Christian McBride and the Mexico-born, New York-based drummer Antonio Sanchez, who has just released his debut album, "Migration."

And, on Sunday, Oct. 28, the River Stone Manor in Scotia will present the second of its jazz brunches featuring music by Colleen Pratt and friends. There will be a Special Italian-style Brunch Buffet and cash bar

$35 for pre-paid reservations/$38 at the door

For reservations please call 382-8322

Oktober (Jazz) Fest
Jazz Venues
Listed Alphabetically

9 Maple Ave, Saratoga Springs, 518-587-7759
The Bar at 74 State, 74 State St, Albany, 518-434-7410
The Basement, 21 Center St, Northampton, MA, 413-586-9030
Brandon's, 1725 Van Vranken Ave, Schenectady, 518-347-1329
Blue Plate, 1 Kinderhook St, Chatham, NY, 518-392-7711
Café Capriccio, 1814 Western Ave, Albany, 518-452-5670
Cabernet Café, 10 Castle St, Great Barrington, MA, 413-528-5244
Chameleon on the Lake, 251 County Rt. 67, Saratoga Springs, 581-3928
Chez Sophie Bistro, 534 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, 518-583-3538
Circus Café, 392 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, 518-583-1106
Comfort Inn, 37 Rte 9W, Glenmont, 518-465-8811
The Fountain Restaurant, 283 New Scotland Ave, Albany, 518-482-9898
Four Corners Luncheonette, 2 Grove St, Delmar, 518-439-0172
Freedom Park, Schonowee Ave, Scotia, 370-0662 (summer only)
HotSpot, 122 4th St, Troy, 518-268-1111
Jazz on Jay, in front of City Center (across from Proctor’s), Schenectady, 518-372-5656 (summer only)
Justin’s, 301 Lark St, Albany, 518-436-7008
Lark Tavern, 453 Madison Ave, Albany, 518-463-9779
Linda Norris Aud., WAMC, 339 Central Ave., Albany, 518-465-5233
Mo’ Jazz Café, 7 South Main St, Wilmington, VT 802-464-2280
Moon & River Café, 115 S. Ferry St., Schenectady, 518-382-1938
Muddy Cup, 1038 Madison Ave, Albany, 518-459-2022
Night Sky Café, 402 Union St, Schenectady, 518-372-2590
One Caroline Street Bistro, Saratoga Springs, 518-587-2026
Panza’s Restaurant, Route 9P, Saratoga Lake, Saratoga Spgs, 518-584-6882
Park 54 Restaurant, 54 Clifton Country Rd, Clifton Park, 518-688-1548
Parker Inn, 434 State St, Schenectady, 518-688-1001
Prime 677, 677 Broadway Albany, 518-427-7463
Proctor’s, 432 State St, Schenectady, 518-382-3884
Provence Restaurant, Stuyvesant Plaza- Western Ave at Fuller Rd, Albany, 518-689-7777
Quarter Moon Café, 53 Main Street, Delhi, NY, 607-746-8886
Red Onion Restaurant, Route 212, Woodstock, NY 845-679-1223
Saratoga Gaming & Raceway, Saratoga Springs, 518-584-2110
Sarazen Student Union, Siena College, 518-783-4117
Sargo’s, Saratoga National Golf Club, 458 Union Ave, Saratoga Springs, 518-583-4653
Scrimshaw Tavern, Desmond Hotel, Colonie, 518-869-8100
Spillin’ the Beans, 13 3rd St, Troy, 518-268-1028
Stella’s Lounge, 7 Main St, Catskill, 518-943-3173
Stockade Inn, 1 N. Church St, Schenectady, 518-346-3400
Wallabee’s Jazz Bar, 190 Glen St, Glens Falls, NY, 518-792-8282
The Wine Bar, 417 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, 518-584-8777

Photo by Beverly Elander

Jerry Weldon performs with Keith Pray at Jazz on Jay
A Place for Jazz

September Jazz Calendar
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Saturday, September 1
8:30pm, Dan Goitien and George Plouffe, The Basement
7pm, Randy Loren, Brandon's
7:30-11pm, Cafe Jazzbo's, Cabernet Cafe
9-12pm, Walter Donnaruma Trio, Cafe Capriccio
7:30-11:30pm, Richie and Sara, Chameleon on the Lake
7:30pm, Cole Broderick, Chez Sophie bistro
7-10pm, Joe Deleault Trio, Iron Lantern Restaurant
9:30pm-12:30am, Jeanne O'Connor, Justin's
8-11pm, Sarah Pedinotti Band, Mouzon House
9pm-1am, Mark Capon Quartet, 9 Maple Ave
8-11pm, Lee Shaw Trio, One Caroline Street
6:30-9:30pm, Peg Delaney, Panza's Restaurant
12-4pm, Doc Scanlon, Saratoga Springs Race Track, 584-6200
7-10pm, Ruth Hellkamp, Scrimshaw Restaurant
1:30pm, Mina Agossi, Jazz Cafe at Tanglewood
3pm, Marion McPartland's "Piano Jazz", Tanglewood
6:30pm, Grace Kelly, Jazz Cafe at Tanglewood
8pm, Kurt Elling with Randy Crawford & Joe Sample, Tanglewood
6:30-9:30pm, Neil Brown, Tosca Grille
7-10pm, Carl Landa, The Wine Bar

Monday, September 3
11am-2:30pm, Joye Belle (piano/vocals), Four Corners Luncheonette
5-8pm, Bob Sbuttoni, Four Corners Luncheonette
9pm-midnight, Bobby Vandetta, Justin's
7:30-10:30pm, Sarah Pedinotti Band, One Caroline Street
8-11pm, Joe Barna Trio, Muddy Cup
7:30-10:30pm, Peg Delaney, One Caroline Street
6-9pm, Peter Einhorn, Malcolm Cecil & George Deleon, Red Onion Restaurant
10am-2pm, jazz brunch with Joe Sorrentino Band, Sargo's
12pm, Sachal Vasandani, Jazz Cafe at Tanglewood
1:30pm, Maria Schneider Orchestra, BossaBrasil, Kevin Mahogany's Kansas City Revue, Tanglewood
5pm, Edmar Casteneda Trio, Jazz Cafe at Tanglewood
6:30pm, Chiara Civello, Jazz Cafe at Tanglewood
8pm, Hank Jones, Roberta Gambarini, Ahmad Jamal & Jimmy Heath, Tanglewood

Tuesday, September 4
7pm, Cole Broderick, Chez Sophie bistro
5-8pm, Bob Sbuttoni, Four Corners Luncheonette
9pm-midnight, 3 Play Jazz, Justin's
9pm-midnight, Keith Pray's Big Soul Ensemble, Lark Tavern
8-11pm, Sarah Pedinotti hosts the Mouzon House Band, Mouzon House

Wednesday, September 5
6-9pm, Lincoln Mayorga (piano) and Otto Gardner (bass), Blue Plate
7:30-10:30pm, The Rainbow Room Trio, Circus Cafe
11am-2:30pm, Rich Donnelly; 5-8pm, Joye Belle, Four Corners Luncheonette
9pm-midnight, Teri Roiger and John Meno-

Thursday, September 6
7:30-11pm, Cafe Jazzbo's, Cabernet Cafe
7:30-10:30pm, La Banda Chameleon, Chameleon on the Lake
Noon-2:30pm, Himer T. Morgan; 5-8pm, Shirley Nasner, Four Corners Luncheonette
9pm-midnight, Adrian Cohen Group, Justin's
6-8pm, Ed Wool, Parker Inn
6:30-10:30pm, Lovin' Life, 677Prime
7pm, Jam Session with Joe Barna, Spillin' the Beans
7-10pm, Tommy Verrigni Trio, Stockade Inn
8pm-midnight, Tom Smith, Wallabee's Jazz Bar

Friday, September 7
7pm, Randy Loren, Brandon's
7:30-11pm, Cafe Jazzbo's, Cabernet Cafe
9-12pm, Walter Donnaruma Trio, Cafe Capriccio
8-11pm, Rob Putnam Trio, Castle Street Cafe
7:30-11:30pm, Richie and Sara, Chameleon on the Lake
7:30pm, Cole Broderick, Chez Sophie bistro
10pm-1am, Skip Parsons' Riverboat Jazz Band, The Fountain
5-8pm, Bob Sbuttoni, Four Corners Luncheonette
8:30-11:30pm, Sonny & Perley's Jive Five, Hibernian Hall, 375 Ontario St, Albany, 235-8492
9:30pm-12:30am, Pete Sweeney Quartet, Justin's
7-11pm, New Regime, 9 Maple Ave
8-11pm, Sarah Pedinotti Band, One Caroline Street
7-10pm, Ruth Hellkamp, Scrimshaw Restaurant
7-10pm, Al Haugen Trio, Stockade Inn

Sunday, September 2
10:30am, Cole Broderick, Chez Sophie bistro
10am-1pm, Rich Donnelly, Four Corners Luncheonette
11:30am-2:30pm, jazz brunch with Nat Phipps, Justin's
9pm-midnight, Sensemaya Trio, Justin's
9pm-midnight, Sensemaya Trio, Justin's
8pm-midnight, Tony Jenkins Jazz Trip, Wallabee's Jazz Bar

Saturday, September 8
12:30-1:15pm, New Regime; 1:45-2:45pm, Alexa Ray Joel; 3:15-4:15pm, Rebirth Jazz Band; 4:45-5:45pm, Nnenna Freelon; 6:15-7:30pm, Joshua Redman, Albany Riverfront Jazz Festival
8:30pm, Dan Goitien and George Plouffe, The Basement
7pm, Randy Loren, Brandon's
7:30-11pm, Walter Donnaruma Trio, Cafe Capriccio
7:30-11:45pm, Richie and Sara, Chameleon on the Lake
7:30pm, Cole Broderick, Chez Sophie bistro
10pm-1am, Skip Parsons' Riverboat Jazz Band, The Fountain
9:30pm-12:30am, Michael Benedict, Justin's
8-11pm, Sarah Pedinotti Band, Mouzon House
9pm-1am, Cole Broderick, Chez Sophie bistro
6-9pm, Lincoln Mayorga (piano) and Otto Gardner (bass), Blue Plate
7:30-10:30pm, Sonny & Perley, Circus Cafe
11am-2:30pm, Rich Donnelly; 5-8pm, Joye Belle, Four Corners Luncheonette
9pm-midnight, Nate Bucciarelli, Justin's
9pm-1am, Sonya Kitchell, Bearsville Theater, Bearsville, NY 845-679-4406
7:30-11pm, Cafe Jazzbo's, Cabernet Cafe
7:30-10:30pm, La Banda Chameleon, Chameleon on the Lake
Noon-2:30pm, Himer T. Morgan; 5-8pm, Shirley Nasner, Four Corners Luncheonette
9pm-midnight, Adrian Cohen Group, Justin's
3:15-4:15pm, Rebirth Jazz Band; 4:45-5:45pm, Nnenna Freelon; 6:15-7:30pm, Joshua Redman, Albany Riverfront Jazz Festival
9:00-10:00pm, Craig Taborn, ZOHO Music
10:15-11:15pm, Andrew Douthett, ZOHO Music
8:30pm-midnight, Tony Jenkins Jazz Trip, Wallabee's Jazz Bar

Monday, September 10
11am-2:30pm, Joye Belle (piano/vocals), Four Corners Luncheonette
9-12pm, Walter Donnaruma Trio, Cafe Capriccio
9:30pm-12:30am, John Esposito Trio, Justin's
7-11pm, Colaberayshen with ShaRon, 9 Maple Ave
8-11pm, Sarah Pedinotti Band, One Caroline Street
8-11pm, Sarah Pedinotti Band, Mouzon House
7-10pm, Ruth Hellkamp, Scrimshaw Restaurant
6:30-9:30pm, Provence Restaurant
6:30-10:30pm, Lovin' Life, 677Prime
7pm, Jam Session with Joe Barna, Spillin' the Beans
7-10pm, Teresa Broadwell Duo, Stockade Inn
8pm-midnight, Tom Smith, Wallabee's Jazz Bar

Tuesday, September 11
7pm, Cole Broderick, Chez Sophie bistro
5-8pm, Bob Sbuttoni, Four Corners Luncheonette
9pm-midnight, Steve Lambert Group, Justin's
9pm-midnight, Keith Pray's Big Soul Ensemble, Lark Tavern
8-11pm, Sarah Pedinotti hosts the Mouzon House Band, Mouzon House
6-9pm, Peter Einhorn, Malcolm Cecil & George Deleon, Red Onion Restaurant

Wednesday, September 12
6-9pm, Lincoln Mayorga (piano) and Otto Gardner (bass), Blue Plate
7:30-10:30pm, Sonny & Perley, Circus Cafe
11am-2:30pm, Rich Donnelly; 5-8pm, Joye Belle, Four Corners Luncheonette
9pm-midnight, Teri Roiger and John Menecon, Justin's

Thursday, September 13
9pm, Sonya Kitchell, Bearsville Theater, Bearsville, NY 845-679-4406
7:30-11pm, Cafe Jazzbo's, Cabernet Cafe
7:30-10:30pm, La Banda Chameleon, Chameleon on the Lake
Noon-2:30pm, Himer T. Morgan; 5-8pm, Shirley Nasner, Four Corners Luncheonette
9pm-midnight, Adrian Cohen Group, Justin's
3:15-4:15pm, Rebirth Jazz Band; 4:45-5:45pm, Nnenna Freelon; 6:15-7:30pm, Joshua Redman, Albany Riverfront Jazz Festival
9:00-10:00pm, Craig Taborn, ZOHO Music
10:15-11:15pm, Andrew Douthett, ZOHO Music
8:30pm-midnight, Tony Jenkins Jazz Trip, Wallabee's Jazz Bar

Friday, September 14
7pm, Randy Loren, Brandon's
7:30-11pm, Cafe Jazzbo's, Cabernet Cafe
9-12pm, Walter Donnaruma Trio, Cafe Capriccio
8-11pm, Rob Putnam Trio, Castle Street Cafe
7:30-11:30pm, Richie and Sara, Chameleon on the Lake
7:30pm, Cole Broderick, Chez Sophie bistro
5-8pm, Bob Sbuttoni, Four Corners Luncheonette
6-9pm, Peter Einhorn, Malcolm Cecil & George Deleon, Red Onion Restaurant
10am-2pm, jazz brunch with Joe Sorrentino Band, Sargo's

Saturday, September 15
8:30pm, Dan Goitien and George Plouffe, The Basement
7pm, Randy Loren, Brandon's
7:30-11pm, Cafe Jazzbo's, Cabernet Cafe
9-12pm, Walter Donnaruma Trio, Cafe Capriccio
7:30-11:30pm, Richie and Sara, Chameleon on the Lake
7:30pm, Cole Broderick, Chez Sophie bistro
8-11pm, Sarah Pedinotti Band, Mouzon House
9pm-1am, Lee Russo Quartet, 9 Maple Ave
8pm-midnight, Tony Jenkins Jazz Trip, Wallabee's Jazz Bar

Sunday, September 9
10:30am, Cole Broderick, Chez Sophie bistro
10am-1pm, Rich Donnelly, Four Corners Luncheonette
11:30am-2:30pm, jazz brunch with Lee Shaw, Justin's
9pm-midnight, Brian Patneauda Quartet, Justin's
11am-2:00pm, jazz brunch with Jazz Backwards, McGreivey's Restaurant
8-11pm, Joe Barma Trio, Muddy Cup
6-9pm, Peter Einhorn, Malcolm Cecil & George Deleon, Red Onion Restaurant
10am-2pm, jazz brunch with Joe Sorrentino Band, Sargo's
SEPTMBER JAZZ CALENDAR

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Sunday, September 16
10:30am, Cole Broderick, Chez Sophie bistro
5pm, Jazz Vespers with Mike Canonico, trumpet & fleugelhorn; Rennie Crain, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Cliff Brucker, drums, First Reformed Church, 8 N. Church St, Schenectady, 377-2201
10am-1pm, Rich Donnelly, Four Corners Luncheonette
11:30am-2:30pm, jazz brunch with Maria Zemantauski, Justin's
9pm-midnight, Brian Patneaude Quartet, Justin's
11am-2:00pm, jazz brunch with Jazz Backwards, McGreivey's Restaurant
8-11pm, Joe Barma Trio, Muddy Cup
6-9pm, Peter Einhorn, Malcolm Cecil & George Deleon, Red Onion Restaurant
10am-2pm, jazz brunch with Joe Sorrentino Band, Sargo's
1-6pm, Bob Devos & Eric Alexander; Dafnis Prieto and the Oliver Lake Ensemble; Shepard Park, Lake George, 668-2616

Monday, September 17
11am-2:30pm, Joye Belle (piano/vocals), Four Corners Luncheonette
9pm-midnight, Nate Buccieri, Justin's

Tuesday, September 18
7pm, Cole Broderick, Chez Sophie bistro
5-8pm, Bob Sbuttoni, Four Corners Luncheonette
9pm-midnight, Steve Lambert Group, Justin's

Wednesday, September 19
6-9pm, Lincoln Mayorga (piano) and Otto Gardner (bass), Blue Plate
7:30-10:30pm, The Rainbow Room Trio, Circus Café
11am-2:30pm, Rich Donnelly; 5-8pm, Joye Belle, Four Corners Luncheonette
9pm-midnight, Reese Project, Justin's
6:30-9:30pm, Sonny Daye, Provence Restaurant

Thursday, September 20
7:30-11pm, Cafe Jazzbo's, Cabernet Café
7:30-10:30pm, La Banda Chameleon, Chameleon on the Lake
Noon-2:30pm, Himer T. Morgan; 5-8pm, Shirley Nasner, Four Corners Luncheonette
9pm-midnight, Adrian Cohen Group, Justin's
6-8pm, Ed Wool, Parker Inn
6:30-9:30pm, Sonny Daye, Provence Restaurant
6:30-10:30pm, Al Santoro & Friends, 677Prime
7pm, Jam Session with Joe Barma, Spillin' the Beans
7-10pm, Jack Fragomeni, Stockade Inn
8pm-midnight, Tom Smith, Wallabee's Jazz Bar

Friday, September 21
7pm, Randy Loren, Brandon's
7:30-11pm, Cafe Jazzbo's, Cabernet Café
9-12pm, Walter Donnaruma Trio, Cafe Capriccio
8-11pm, Rob Putnam Trio, Castle Street Café
7:30-11:30pm, Richie and Sara, Chameleon on the Lake

Saturday, September 22
8:30pm, Dan Goiten and George Plouffe, The Basement
7pm, Randy Loren, Brandon's
7:30-11pm, Cafe Jazzbo's, Cabernet Café
9-12pm, Walter Donnaruma Trio, Cafe Capriccio
7:30-11:30pm, Richie and Sara, Chameleon on the Lake
7:30pm, Sonny & Perley Quartet, Inn at Speculator, Rte 8, Speculator, 548-3811
9:30pm-12:30am, Francesca Tanksley, Justin's
8-11pm, Sarah Pedinotti Band, Mouzon House
9pm-1am, Pete Sweeney Quartet, 9 Maple Ave
7-10pm, Ruth Hellkamp, Scrimshaw Restaurant
6:30-9-30pm, Neil Brown, Tosca Grille
7-10pm, Carl Landa, The Wine Bar
9-11:30pm, Douglas Chilton "Momentary Muse", Yours
M & Ms
(Members and Musicians)

Della Ratta Honored
Singer and vocalist Rick Della Ratta, a native of the Schenectady area, recently became the first jazz artist to be included by The Foundation Center in their list of musician philanthropists along with Bono of U2, Peter Gabriel and Sting.

The Foundation Center was started in 1956. Each of its offices has a library and training center, where people can come and learn about foundations and how to apply for grants.

Della Ratta was also honored earlier this year during Jazz Appreciation month in the Capital Region. His group performed this year in Denmark as well as Oregon, Washington and California.

New Group Formed
A group called the Capital District Jazz Collective was recently formed, with the stated objective of presenting live jazz in a coffeehouse setting, with the intent of making jazz accessible and affordable to a larger segment of the population. The group will include both musicians and jazz fans.

Saxophonist Keith Pray has been elected president and Don Nania treasurer. A full slate of officers is expected to be elected in January. There will be a nominal yearly membership fee. The Cooperative will hold its first formal meeting on Wednesday, September 5, at 6 p.m. at Hilton’s Performing Art Center, off Central Avenue next to Westgate Shopping Center. All interested parties are invited. The group is taking an online survey at http://s-kzmi-11902.sgizmo.com. Further information is available from Bob Rosenblum at jazz@csatennis.com.

Surprise Visitor
A swing dance at the Hibernian hall in Albany back in July offered a welcome chance to hear the great pianist Junior Mance and his trio. A few members of the jazz community got wind of Junior’s appearance, including Sonny and Perley, and bassist Bill Delaney, who gathered to listen to Junior while the swing dancers danced.

Junior, now 78, is as forceful and blues-drenched as ever. Drummer Jackie Williams, always reliable, kept the beat going all night long. One jazz fan found that the dancers disrupted his listening and left, but some were reminded that the earliest jazz was played for dancing; they had no problem with the twirling couples.

Composer Honored
One-time Scotia resident Robert Deitcher was honored earlier this year when the singing group the Choralaires performed several of his songs. A marker was also placed in front of his childhood home at 528 Charles St. in the village.

Deitcher was known during his professional songwriting career as Robert Allen. He wrote such familiar tunes as “It’s Not for Me to Say,” “Everybody Loves a Lover,” “Chance Are” and the Christmas favorite “Home for the Holidays.”

A 1945 graduate of Scotia High School, he was a member of the school orchestra and band. His hobby was listed as “ticklin’ the ivories” in the yearbook. Later, he passed up a scholarship to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to pursue a career in music.

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BOBBY SANABRIA & QUARTETO ACHE

By Tom Pierce

Master drummer Bobby Sanabria & Quarteto Aché descended on the Whisperdome of the First Unitarian Society of Schenectady like a musical force of nature on Friday, May 25. This was the last in a series of three Latin Jazz concerts produced by the welcome new organization, Jazz/Latino Inc, headed by Dr Jose Cruz. It provided most Capitol District Jazz lovers their first opportunity to witness in person the sheer talent, drive, complexity and charisma that has resulted in so many awards and high-level engagements with numerous Jazz & Latin luminaries over the last 25 years, for this South Bronx native of Puerto Rican parents.

In addition to his galvanizing leadership presence on the drum set, additional percussion and vocals, the quartet included Jeff Lederer on tenor and soprano Saxes and flute; Enrique Haneine on piano and Alex Hernández on bass. Noted as a well-versed historian, Sanabria opened the first song by reciting the rich, winding legacy of the music from Central and North Africa to the Caribbean, New Orleans and New York.

While most would classify the genre as “Latin Jazz,” one could make a case for it being termed “Jazz International”. Although the shifting, intoxicating rhythms of the various songs clearly owed much to the Afro-Cuban tradition, this observer heard an equal or even stronger influence of be-bop and an occasional hint of the avant garde. The ghost of legendary bop trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie, whose ground-breaking explorations and unification in 1947 of Afro-Cuban music with jazz, hung over the proceedings, all evening; but the spirits of John Coltrane and drummer Art Blakey were also very much present — both in the music itself, and also the level of intensity and swing.

However, it would be a mistake to assume this enormously exciting music, which dynamically often rose from a soft whisper to a surging volcano, wasn’t melodic or well-controlled, as indeed it consistently was. Pianist Haneine played engrossing, impressionistic solos and accompaniment that were simply beautiful, and Lederer’s horn work, in all the various tempos, was very moving; but not harsh or strident. And for all his formidable technique, Bobby Sanabria displayed considerable subtlety matching the mood each song called for.

Also very arresting was Sanabria’s soulfully passionate singing and chanting while playing - no mean feat, given the invigorating colors and effects he used the full drum set to produce. This certainly added to the often spiritual quality of the performance, which was appropriate, given the venue being a church. He alluded to this in quoting Art Blakey that “wherever Jazz is played is sacred ground”.

Although he rarely provided song titles, he effectively held the audience’s attention, not only with the vivid pictures and scenes this special music conjured up, but also his own humorously entertaining and insightfully descriptive repartee. A few attendees may have felt his frequent exhortations to stand, clap and at the end, to dance the Merenge, could have been cut back a bit. But the fact that the majority responded enthusiastically indicated that the music was energetically compelling, as well as of very high quality.

One must extend grateful kudos to Dr Cruz and all involved in Jazz/Latino, Inc for bringing our community this rewarding music.

Editor’s PS: Dr. Cruz indicated that this was just the first of what he hopes will be a continuing concert series, devoted to Latin jazz as well as Latin musicians who play jazz. Watch for news of the 2008 season.

Sunday Jazz Brunch at River Stone Manor
1437 Amsterdam Road (Route 5), Glenville, NY
Sunday, October 28, 2007 from 11am - 2pm

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Two Big Losses in Jazz

AL QUAGLIERI
One of the Capital Region’s most versatile musicians, trumpeter and pianist Al Quaglieri, died at 80 this year.

He studied accordion, trumpet, violin and piano at an early age and began performing professionally at age nine. He enlisted in the service upon graduation from Albany High School, and was sent to the Navy School of Music in Washington and became a member of the U.S. Navy Band. On his discharge in 1945, he returned to Albany and was recruited by two national touring ensembles: the Bob Chester Band and, later, the Tony Pastor Band featuring Rosemary Clooney.

He continued his musical career in and around the Capital Region, where he became a popular and in-demand trumpeter, pianist and arranger. Over a career spanning 70-plus years, he performed at virtually every nightclub in the area, as well as on television and radio, while finding time to spearhead Albany’s experimental Jazz Workshop Big Band for two decades.

Al never lost his passion for music nor his flair for entertaining. He spent his last nine months organizing and performing jazz concerts and afternoon singalongs for his fellow residents at St. Peter’s Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Albany.

LARRY JACKSON
One of the Capital Region’s most swinging and dynamic drummers, Larry Jackson, 70, of Schenectady, died in March.

Larry was born in Miami. His family moved to Troy in 1945. Larry was educated in the Troy public school system and it was at Troy High School that he began playing the drums. He was well known in the area and beyond as a first-rate Jazz and R&B drummer.

Larry retired from the New York State Department of Social Services in 1994 as a senior Medicaid claims specialist.

One of his longest-lasting gigs was as a member of the Nick Brignola Quartet, with Mike Wicks on bass and Sal Maida on piano, playing both club dates and concerts.

Larry also performed with many other prominent musicians, including a memorable gig at Persian Room in Menands with saxophonist Zoot Sims. In recent years, he was featured with guitarist Jack Fragomeni in the outdoor Jazz on Jay series.
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8:00 PM
Poncho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band and
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Kurt Elling with very special friends plus
Randy Crawford and Joe Sample

September 2, 2007
1:30 PM
Kevin Mahogany’s Kansas City Revue,
BossaBrasil,
and the Maria Schneider Orchestra
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8:00 PM
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