JAZZ PIANO COMES TO APFJ
Dobek, Hameed and Delaney To Play

In the 19th century, almost all the great composers of Classical music were also pianists. Chopin, Scarlatti, Beethoven and Brahms to name a few.

In the 20th century we have been blessed with a similar outpouring of Jazz pianist/composers, such as Ellington, Basie, Powell, Tatum, Morton, Waller, Monk and Johnson!

In this area we are particularly blessed with Jazz pianists, like Lee Shaw, Paul Mastroiani, Sal Malda and the late Fats Jefferson.

On Sunday August 12th we will introduce three equally marvelous pianists at our Jazz Picnic. We've called it Grand Illusions and we promise you a wonderful listening pleasure.

Peg Delaney, Dan Dobek and Azaam Hameed are part of the rich Jazz resources right here in our community. They will wow you with their technical abilities, creative ideas and some new compositions!

Dan Dobek, one of those exciting pianists, is also a fine composer. He recently presented a program of his original compositions at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall as a memorial to his late father. While living in Chicago, he played with John Bishop, former guitarist with Ray Charles and George Brown, drummer for Wes Montgomery. He'll be accompanied by another outstanding local Jazz resource, bass-player Ed Green. Ed appeared at the Newport Jazz Festival in 1957 when he was 14! (as a trombone player). Switching to bass when he moved to the upstate area, he is best known for his playing with the Lee Shaw Trio, with whom he appeared at one of our first "APFJ" Concerts.

THE WHOLE AREA IS BECOMING A PLACE FOR JAZZ

As John Marcille mentioned in his Gazette article 6 weeks ago, there has been so much Jazz in recent months, one has a hard time figuring out where to go. Amazingly, all the different presenters have done pretty well. It almost seems that the size of Jazz audiences is expanding to meet the number of good quality programs offered. In the next two months (see our calendar) we will have some great opportunities to listen to Jazz and many of them will be free. With relatively new entrants into the Jazz presenters scene as diverse as Troy Music Hall, The Hamilton Hill Culturefest in Burrell Park, the Ramada Inn in Schenectady with its Big Band Concerts and the Egg in Albany, we're getting there!

We Got Caught!
Lillian Samuelson of Schenectady is a careful reader. She caught us in a typo in our brochure and called us right away. The brochure should read that the Roy Meriwether Concert is on Friday October 5th. Thanks Lillian!
August 3 Deadline for Discount Prices on A Place for Jazz Series!

Your response to our series brochure has been terrific! As of July 16 you’ve bought 356 tickets, 20% of all tickets available. Most of those tickets have been for the Complete Series (only 10 of complete series special offer left). In addition the workshops have proved extremely popular (about 15 tickets left for each workshop). There are still plenty of six-ticket concert series left as well as the special pre-season price of $9.00 each when bought three or more at a time. These advance ticket prices will be offered until August 3 (the last post-mark date we can fill orders in time enough for Jazz Picnic!). Checks should be made to JAZZ/FUSS & mailed to 1221 Wendell Ave., Sch’dy 12308.

After this date, tickets will then be available at $10 each in advance, $12 at the door or for $12 at the 4 Community Box Offices’ (Proctor’s Arcade, Empire Plaza, Latham Circle Mall and Stuyvesant Plaza) for $12.

Ask your friends and fellow jazz lovers to come with you to at least one of the concerts. They will love you for it!

Vote for Your Favorite Album for All Times

A recent NPR show talked about the greatest Jazz album ever made. They suggested it was John Coltrane, the saxophonist playing behind Johnny Hartman the singer. Have you heard it? Do you have other nominations for such an honor? Send us your favorite Jazz album nomination with a one paragraph nominating speech and your name and address. The winner will get a gift certificate to be spent at Jazz Alley or Records n’ Such for a Jazz cassette, CD or album.

WHO WE ARE

If you’re reading this newsletter for the first time, you might want to know more about us. A Place for Jazz is a volunteer organization that presents Jazz Concerts, Jazz workshops, puts out a newsletter with local Jazz listings, sets up Jazz residencies in schools and supports the presentation of live Jazz by other businesses and organizations in the area.

Our Concert Series takes place at the First Unitarian Society in Schenectady (FUSS) usually on Friday nights. The acoustics are great, the space is intimate and the music is wonderful. Call 374-4446 and we’ll send you a brochure.

Next month, we present 3 Jazz pianists: Peg Delaney, Dan Dobek and Azaam Hamed at our 2nd Annual Jazz Picnic, Sunday, August 12th. There’ll

be Jazz posters, Jazz books and Jazz video tapes for sale and cake and ice cream as well.

On September 14th, Gene Bertonecini (guitarist who was voted best of the year in Brazil), Sheila Jordan (a New York City favorite and a perennial Downbeat Jazz singer polls) and Harvie Swartz (the premier bassist who has played with Urban Earth and Pat Metheny) will thrill you with the familiar and the new.

On October 5th the Roy Meriwether Trio will have you snapping your fingers to Jazz with a gospel flavor. He’s been said to have “thunder in his left hand and lighting in his right.”

On October 19th, the Jazz singer Jeri Brown will bring her trio into town. Ms Brown has been praised by Billy Taylor, Max Roach and a host of critics for her flawless voice, powerful range and marvelous creativity.

On November 2, our own Nick Brignola will be here with a host of friends from New York City. Nick is acclaimed across the country for his marvelous saxophone and clarinet playing and we want to give him a big welcome home!

We close on November 16 with Claudio Roditi, a tempestuous trumpeter who has backed up Dizzy Gillespie, Pacquito D’Rivera and is famed for his brand of Brazilian Jazz dubbed “Sambop”.

To order tickets, get on our mailing list or just ask questions, write JAZZ/FUSS 1221 Wendell Ave., Sch’dy, NY 12308.
JAZZ ALIVE

Below is a list of places where you can hear live Jazz, all year round. Your support helps to keep the art-form healthy and available. An * appears next to any performance that is rare for this area.

Peggy's 426 State St., Schenectady (entrance in back of restaurant) Music starts at 9pm. 3 sets.

Maggie and Walter Schmidt, proprietors of Peggy's have a special offer for A Place for Jazz ticket holders. Bring your tickets before the concert (for dinner) or after the concert (for food and drink) and you'll get two dollars off the bill for each person with a ticket. Be sure to make reservations for dinner because the place has quite a culinary reputation!

Aug 3-4 - Joe Parisi (trumpet) and Friends
Aug 10-11 - Blue Swing Duo
Aug 17 - Chuck Moutsoulas, solo piano
Aug 24 - Chuck Moutsoulas, solo piano
Sept 7-8 - TBA
Sept 14-15 - Super Nova Quartet w/Greg Spec
Sept 21-22 - Direct Access w/Peg Delaney. John Hines

On the Shelf, The DeWitt Clinton Bldg. 39 Eagle St., Albany. Live Jazz on Sundays. No bookings as of this deadline. Their Lee Shaw/Donalf Byrd show was a huge success. We hope for more of this in the future.

Justin's 301 Lark St., Albany. Music starts at 9pm. 3 sets.
Aug 3-4 - Plus 24 w/Cliff Lyons (Jazz Fusion)
Aug 10-11 - Hal Miller Band
Aug 17-18 - Nick Brignola Quartet
Aug 24-25 - Jazz Caucus w/Dave Calarco (a great Jazz resource, often brings surprise guests)
Aug 31 - Hal Miller w/Jody Shayne
Sept 1-Dolphins* Dan Brubeck and Vinnie Martucci
Sept 7-8 - Nick Brignola Quartet
Sept 14-15 - Hal Miller
Sept 21-22 - Nick Brignola Qtw/Joe Beck*

Van Dyck 237 Union St., Schenectady.
The Wexlers have come up with a new idea for summer. Jazz on the Patios in coop. w/WABY.
The opening concert w/Dan Dobek, Russo, Green and McKenzie was marvelous.
Aug 3 - Neal Brown and Dino Cimino
Aug 10-11 - Lee Shaw Trio
Aug 17-18 - Neal Brown, solo piano
Aug 29 - Jazz on the Patios with Mike Flanagan Quartet w/ Mike Canonico
Aug 31-Sept 1 - Dan Dobek Duo

Aug 2 - 7pm-9pm - Jazzmobile with well-known Jazz singer Irene Reid* (sang with Count Basie) and a stellar back-up group — and it's free!
Aug 16 - 7pm-9pm Johnny Colon and his Latin Orchestra

Rain Location: Sacred Heart and St. Columbia's Church, 801 Stanley St. Call 346-1262 or 372-4174 for further information.

The Egg at the Empire Center. Info and tickets 473-1845
Sept 8 - Lennie Pickett and the Borneo Horns
(Part of the “Saturday Night Live” Band)*
Sept 21 - David Grisman Quintet (return of Dawg Music)*

Lake George Jazz Weekend**
Sat Sept 8 - 2-6pm Janet Grice-basoonist 6pc band; Dakota Staton w/trio; The Vibration Society (Roland Kirk’s Band) 8 pc. hosted by Dorthaan Kirk

Sun Sept 9 2-6pm Michele Rosewoman pianist, vocalist w/trio; Toshiko Akiyoshi Jazz Orchestra featuring Lew Tabackin.

ADMISSION IS FREE BOTH DAYS. Call Lake George Art Project (518) 668-2616 for info.

RADIO JAZZ

WVCR 88.3FM Cutting edge Afro-Am Pop w/ occasional Jazz flavor
WMHT 89.1FM Laurence Boylan’s Show on Friday Night
WRUC 89.7FM Late night play is good
WAMC 90.3FM Great mix. Something for almost every “flavor” of Jazz fan
WSPN 91.1FM Listen to Gloria Mattison’s show on Wed’s 12 to 3pm
WCDB 90.9FM Wonderful Show on Sat. & Sun Mornings
WRFI 91.5FM Kevin Roberts on Thurs. nights from 7 to 10
WHRL 103.1FM A Mix of Jazz and “other”
Wpyx 106.7FM Jazz Brunch on Sunday
WMVI 1160AM Jazz Show on Sunday Afternoon
WABY 1400AM Good on Big Band play; Edwardson (6am to 10am) in Morning gives great plugs for local Jazz
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Help Wanted!
We need:
1. Three people for each concert to sell and collect tickets. You need to be able to follow a simple record-keeping system and count change quickly. You'd report for work at 1pm for picnic, 7pm for concert.

2. Five people for each concert to act as ushers. Skills needed include an ability to welcome people and make them feel comfortable. You'll hand out programs, give information and help direct traffic. You would report for work at 1pm for Picnic and 7pm for concert.

3. Five separate volunteers to donate and prepare small pre-concert dinners for our performers. They arrive early to do sound checks and rehearse and don't have a chance to eat before the concert. Their requests are usually quite simple.

Interested? Call us at 374-4446, daytime or 374-6912, evening at least one week in advance of the program you're volunteering for.

Get on the mailing list!
If you've picked up this newsletter in a club or elsewhere and want to be on our mailing list, send your name, address and phone number to APFJ/FUSS 1221 Wendell Ave., Schenectady, NY 12308

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