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The Blackbird Society Orchestra Performs Rare Re-creation of "King of Jazz" Whiteman's Music



Philadelphia's premier 1920s hot jazz/dance orchestra dedicated to the

preservation of the music of "The Jazz Age," Richard Barnes' Blackbird Society Orchestra, performs at Tri-State Jazz Society's concert at Haddonfield United Methodist Church, 29 Warwick Road, April 15th at 2:00 p.m. No reservations; tickets at the door. For information, visit www.tristatejazz.org or call (856) 720-0232.

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PHILADELPHIA – Richard Barnes' [Blackbird Society Orchestra](#) preserves 1920s jazz in note-for-note recreations using original stock charts and transcriptions from vintage recordings. For their Tri-State Jazz Society appearance at Haddonfield United Methodist Church, 29 Warwick Road, Haddonfield, NJ on Sunday, April 15th, at 2:00 p.m., the 13-piece core Blackbird Society Orchestra will do an opening set, then the 22-person Paul Whiteman tribute band will perform a 7-song set in a rare re-creation of the music of legendary bandleader and "King of Jazz" Whiteman. A pioneer in bridging the gap between jazz and the European classical tradition, Whiteman commissioned Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* in 1924.

For this special performance, NYC bandleader and music historian Vince Giordano will join the Orchestra. Giordano has provided the period music for such films as Martin Scorsese's *The Aviator* and the HBO series *Boardwalk Empire*, for which he won a Grammy Award.

Half-price admission of \$10, payable at the door, is available for first-time attendees and members; general admission is \$20; full-time students with IDs and children are free. There are no advance sales or reservations. The church is about 15 minutes from central Philadelphia via the Ben Franklin Bridge and parking is free. PATCO is nearby. For information see www.tristatejazz.org or call (856) 720-0232.

About Tri-State Jazz Society

Tri-State Jazz Society, formed in 1988, is dedicated to the preservation and live performance of early jazz, including traditional New Orleans, Dixieland, swing, ragtime, stride piano and boogie-woogie. The society's concerts feature leading professional small bands and soloists. All events are open to the public and anyone who enjoys traditional jazz is invited to join. Monthly concerts are presented in Wallingford, PA and Haddonfield, NJ to serve the entire Delaware Valley. Tri-State Jazz Society is a non-profit educational corporation supported by its members.

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