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OUR NEXT CONCERT

BARBONE STREET JAZZ BAND



Sunday, September 16, 2012 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Haddonfield United Methodist Church 29 Warwick Road Haddonfield, NJ 08033 Directions on Page 7

The Barbone Street Jazz Band features 6 world-class musicians who wear their give-or-take 280 collective years of jazz experience as a badge of honor. Dixieland, New Orleans Jazz, Swing and Hot Dance music flourished during the 1940s and '50s, and most of the Barbone Street players not only grew up with this music but in many cases played it alongside the legends of the era. Leader Steve Barbone states that the band is united by their common goal of exploring the roots of jazz, their traditional style modernized only by their own inventiveness and resulting in a unique, energetic, easily-recognized Dixieland sound.

Steve Barbone, the leader, plays clarinet. Steve has been playing jazz clarinet for 60 years in New York, European, and Philadelphia-area jazz clubs. He has appeared at many prestige venues with, among others, Roy Eldridge, Coleman Hawkins, Yank Lawson and Sidney Bechet. Other musicians in the band include:

Paul Grant - Trumpet. Paul is a retired soloist from the US Army Jazz Band.

Cindy Leiby - Trombone. Cindy has a master's degree in music from University of the Arts in Philadelphia and plays regularly in the Walnut Street Theatre pit band.

Sonny Troy - Guitar. Sonny has worked with the Louis Prima and Harry James bands and has backed the great Peggy Lee.

Ace Tesone - Bass. Ace has gigged with many jazz legends and recorded with Mel Torme and Clifford Brown.

Mike Piper - Drums. Mike has worked with The Platters, The Blue Notes, and Bootsy Barnes and had a 15 month run at The Showboat with Paul Grant's New Orleans Swing Band.

This will be the first Tri-State Jazz concert to be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Haddonfield Methodist Church. Future New Jersey concerts will also be in the Haddonfield church.

All Concert Admissions

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LOOKING AHEAD TO OUR NEXT CONCERT - OCTOBER 2012

On Sunday, October 7, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., jazz and stride pianist Joe Holt will perform at the Community Arts Center, 414 Plush Mill Road, Wallingford, PA. Joe is best known for his imaginative improvisations. He plays "stride" in the tradition of James P. Johnson, Fats Waller, Teddy Wilson, Art Tatum and many others. His approach is not to imitate these masters of "stride," but to invoke its festive atmosphere.

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NEW BLACK EAGLES JAZZ BAND AUGUST 12 CONCERT REVIEW

I have heard nothing but great things about the New Black Eagles over the years - about their quality performances, solid musicianship, and national reputation. Sometimes when one gets a major build-up of something, whether it is a jazz



Photo by Paul McAtee

band or an event, or even a household product, the results do not always equate to the advertising. I am happy to report that the New Black Eagles meet every accolade reported of them.

This was a band where the horns dominate; the rhythm section, with the exception of bassist Jesse Williams and pianist Bob Pilsbury, took to the role of supporting soloists and driving the band. The phrase "driving the band" is putting it mildly; "Pam" Pameijer's Chinese cymbals and accents had the impact of "arriving locomotive" status, almost causing the platform where the band was standing to collapse.

Having reviewed many bands over the years, it was nice to hear a band with "fresh" material. Most Trad bands tend to favor, and play the same tunes over and over again. Unless there's a radical arrangement of say "Royal Garden Blues," the performance can sometimes be bland, predictable, or even flat-out boring. The Black Eagles performed tunes like Sam Morgan's "Short Dress Gal," Jabbo Smith's "Michigander Blues," and Armand J. Piron's "Bouncing Around" - tunes not often heard but refreshing to hear.

There were familiar tunes too. On Duke Ellington's "Black And Tan Fantasy" cornetist Tony Pringle and trombonist Stan Vincent provided the "pep"

(plunger mute) section for Billy Novick's alto counter-melody. "When Your Hair Has Turned To Silver" was rejuvenated in the hands of the Black Eagles, with an Armstrong-like vocal from Pringle, smooth sounds from Vincent's trombone, and sweet-but-with-a-biting swing alto solo from Novick. Banjoist Peter Bullis had his only opportunity to shine on the closer, "Weary Blues."

There were gems aplenty. Pringle and Novick provided accurate impersonations of King Oliver and Johnny Dodds on "Working Man Blues."



Photo by Jim McGann

Novick's alto on "Dreaming the Hours Away" recalled Coleman Hawkins' tenor on the Clarence Williams recording. Vincent displayed a gutty sound "Bouncing Around" and growling like Kid Ory on "Savoy Blues." Bob Pilsbury's two-fisted, rocking, barrel-house piano was much in evidence on "Savoy Blues" and "Georgia Cabin" while showing his soulful side on "Lily of the Valley." Jesse Williams provided a modern, Blanton-like bass on "Black and Tan," almost chromatically ascended off the fret board on "Savoy Blues," and slapping away on "Bogaloosa Strut." The only nod to modern jazz was in the solo features, Vincent's solo feature on "Over the Rainbow" was dedicated to Bill Harris, best known for his work in Woody Herman's first Herd, and the Novick-Williams duet on "In A Sentimental Mood," reminded one of the recordings of Jimmy Guiffre's trio.

Like I stated at the beginning, The New Black Eagle Jazz Band was everything as advertised.

- Jim McGann

BOOKS ABOUT JAZZ, Its Creators and Its History, Part 2 Biographies and Autobiographies

As I promised in my June Strutter article, I am providing a somewhat incomplete list of biographies and autobiographies about individual jazz musicians. I have highlighted in bold print those books I consider to be essential reading.

Armstrong, Louis (1901-1971)

- Armstrong, Louis. "Satchmo: My Life in New Orleans." New York: Da Capo Press, 1954.
- Armstrong, Louis. "Swing That Music!" New York: Da Capo Press, 1993. (Originally published in 1936 - the first autobiography ever of a jazz musician.)
- Bergreen, Laurence. "Louis Armstrong: An Extravagant Life." New York: Broadway Books, 1997.
- Teachout, Terry. "Pops: A Life of Louis Armstrong." Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2009.

Bechet, Sidney (1897-1959)

- Bechet, Sidney. "Treat it Gentle." New York: Hill and Wang, 1960.
- Chilton, John. "Sidney Bechet: The Wizard of Jazz." New York: Oxford University Press, 1987.

Beiderbecke, Bix (1903-1931)

- Berton, Ralph. "Remembering Bix." New York: Harper & Row, 1974.
- Evans, Philip R. and Linda K. Bix: "The Leon Bix Beiderbecke Story." Bakersfield, California: Prelike Press, 1998.
- Lion, Jean Pierre, translated by Gabriella Page-Fort. "Bix: The Definitive Biography Of A Jazz Legend." New York: Continuum Publishers, 2004.
- Sudhalter, Richard M., Philip R. Evans and William Dean-Myatt. "Bix: Man and Legend." New Rochelle, NY: Arlington House, 1974.

Bigard, Barney (1906-1980)

• Bigard, Barney and Barry Martyn. "With Louis and the Duke." New York: Oxford University Press, 1986.

Bolden, Buddy (1877-1931)

- Marquis, Donald M. "In Search of Buddy Bolden: First Man of Jazz." Baton Rouge: Louisiana University Press, 1978.
- Barker, Danny and Alan Shipton. "Buddy Bolden and the Last Days of Storyville." New York: Cassell, 1998.

Condon, Eddie (1905-1973)

• Condon, Eddie, with Thomas Sugrue. "We Called It Music: A Generation of Jazz." New York: Da Capo Press, 1947.

Dodds, Baby (1898-1959)

 Dodds, Baby and Larry Gara. "The Baby Dodds Story (Revised Edition)." Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1992.

Foster, George "Pops" (1892-1969)

 Foster, George Murphy "Pops" and Tom Stoddard. "The Autobiography of Pops Foster, New Orleans Jazzman." Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1971

Freeman, Bud (1906-1991)

- Freeman, Bud. "You Don't Look Like a Musician." Detroit: Belamp Publications, 1974.
- Freeman, Bud. "If You Know of a Better Life Please Tell Me." Dublin: B. Eaves, 1976.
- Freeman, Bud and Robert Wolf. "Crazeology: The Autobiography of a Chicago Jazzman." Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1989.

Goodman, Benny (1909-1986)

- Collier, James Lincoln. "Benny Goodman and the Swing Era." New York: Oxford University Press, 1989.
- Firestone, Ross. "Swing, Swing, Swing: The Life and Times of Benny Goodman." New York: W. W. Norton and Co., 1993.

Hines, Earl (1903-1983)

• Dance, Stanley. "The World of Earl Hines." New York: Scribner, 1977.

Johnson, Bunk (ca. 1879 to 1889-1949)

- Hazeldine, Mike and Barry Martin. "Bunk Johnson: Song of the Wanderer." New Orleans: Jazzology Press, 2000.
- Hillman, Christopher. "Bunk Johnson: His Life and Times." New York: Universe Books, 1988.

Johnson, James P. (1894-1955)

Brown, Scott E. and Robert Hilbert. "James P. Johnson: A Case of Mistaken Identity."
 Metuchen, N.J.: Scarecrow Press and the Institute of Jazz Studies, Rutgers University, 1986.

Morton, Jelly Roll (1880s-1941)

 Reich, Howard and William Gaines.
 "Jelly's Blues: The Life, Music, and Redemption of Jelly Roll Morton."
 Cambridge, Mass.: Da Capo Press, 2003.

(From the book's jacket: "In 1992, the death of a New Orleans memorabilia collector led to the unearthing of a startling archive. Here were unknown later compositions, as well as Morton's final correspondence. Howard Reich and William Gaines later augmented this trove by bringing to light the court, copyright and Congressional records that detailed Morton's struggle to salvage his reputation, recover lost royalties, and protect the publishing rights of black musicians.")

Sancton, Tom (born 1949)

• Sancton, Tom. "Song for My Fathers."
New York: Other Press, 2010. (A present-day clarinetist, living in New Orleans, tells his story of performing with New Orleans musicians, including George Lewis, as a teenager growing up in New Orleans. A fascinating look at the world of Preservation Hall.)

Waller, Fats (1904-1943)

- Shipton, Alyn. Fats Waller: "The Cheerful Little Earful." New York: Continuum, 2002.
- Waller, Maurice and Anthony Calabrese. "Fats Waller." New York: Schirmer Books, 1977.

By Ed Wise

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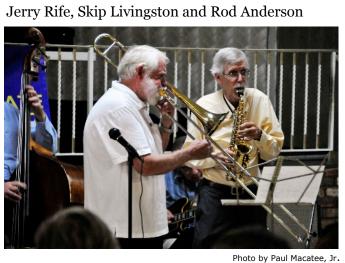


Ray Whearty



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Tom Baird with Jerry Rife



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Matt Zimnoch, John Tatum, and Jack Gabriel



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September 19 Frank Vignola & Vinny Raniolo

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I-295 to Exit 30, Warwick Rd. From the exit ramp, turn left (north) onto Warwick toward Haddonfield. Go 1.4 miles. Turn right into the church parking lot. Use the rear entrance for the Fellowship Hall.



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