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Brian Priebé - Trombone

Brian Priebé’s favorite mode of expression is through Traditional New Orleans Style Jazz. He is also a successful music director, singer and instrumentalist playing both Trombone and Swiss Alphorn. He is a former member the Utah Chamber Orchestra performing with Ballet West. Brian has also appeared on Trombone with Connie Francis, Doc Severinson, Franki Vali, Della Reece, Carole Channing, Louis Bellson, Clark Terry, and The Moody Blues. The sound of his horn can be heard on numerous movie and TV soundtracks and commercials. Competing on the Swiss Alphorn in 2007 he took 2nd place in the International Alphorn Festival in Nendaz, Switzerland. Brian made his operatic debut as the Count in excerpts from the Marriage of Figaro at Lincoln Center with Veronica Tyler in August 2007.

Doug Lasala - Clarinet

Doug got his first start playing Dixieland with Jersey’s Bob Leive and the Wooster Street Trolley back in the early 80’s. After taking 13 years off, Doug started playing again in 1997. Since then, he’s been fortunate to do some playing with some great players, the best being this bunch of guys. In addition to playing Traditional, you’ll see him play with various big bands, as well as on the bandstand leading the Moonlighters Big Band. Doug’s real job is computer programming with Siemens Health Services, but someday hopes to actually find the practice time and make a break for it. For more info on Doug, check out his website at www.douglasala.com.

Mike Kuehn – Banjo/ Guitar

A 3 rd. generation Banjoist in his family. Mike also fronts his own Banjo and Traditional Jazz Bands. While on a Jazz Cruise Mike played with the Buck Creek, Climax, and Bob Schultz Jazz Bands. Mike was also a guest Banjoist with the New Reformation Jazz Band and is a free lance banjoist with local Jazz bands in PA, NJ and NY. A big Eddie Condon Fan and enjoys that style of Traditional Jazz and Swing.
Mike Shank-
Tuba / Bass / Bass Sax

Mike played and studied Jazz bass while living up in NYC in the early to mid 1980’s. In the late 1980’s Mike moved back to Pennsylvania and switched back to Tuba while gigging with all the top Dixieland / Jazz bands in the area. Now with the experience on both bass and Tuba he is a perfect fit for this group where the music will switch from 2 beat to swing. Always looking for more “fun” Mike has now also added Bass Sax and Trombone to his arsenal. If you watch him closely, you’ll notice he is HAVING FUN!!

Jeff Clinton- Drums

Jeff has been gigging on the central PA Dixieland circuit for the past 2 years with the Canal Street Hot 6 and Ben Mauger’s Vintage Jazz Band. In addition he’s been playing straight ahead Jazz and blues gigs with various artists in the area for the past 6 years. His love of jazz blossomed while playing in the Jazz Ensemble at Millersville University.

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NOVEMBER 16 CONCERT

We will return to the Legion Hall November with a really new treat for our society: Trad Jazz Violin. Aaron Weinstein, a 22 year old violinist, who was written up in the Wall Street Journal on Feb 21, 2006, by the jazz expert and first amendment authority, Nat Hentoff, will bring his quartet with our favorite Dan Levinson on reeds, Frank Vignola on guitar, and our board member Ed Wise on bass. This should be a great event. Going over jazz history there are not too many violin stars: Steph Grappelli, Stuff Smith Philadelphia’s Joe Venuti, Johnny Frigo, Sven Asmussen, Claude Williams, and the great Andy Stein. Only Andy lives today. Tell your friends and tell people that like classical violin.

NEW WOLVERINE JAZZ ORCHESTRA
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If the weather didn't make you feel great, the music sure did. A nice crowd estimated at 142 came out with a nice breeze blowing off the golf course. It was a great setting for a great man's tribute. I want to thank George Hunt for asking me to sit in the front row. All my life with a last name of Weber, you sort of get used to sitting in the back of the room. At the Brooklawn, you'll usually find me at the last table closest to the bathrooms, usually the table where they seat the undesirables in a restaurant. Well, I won't go there but when I'm there, I get to see all of your heads bobbing back and forward, watch you all when you come back to dance, talk with the musicians at the CD table at breaks and when you buy CDs. But thanks to George, I actually got to see how much Leon's music made the majority of the people that came to the show mage
them feel. I saw an awful lot of smiles and head bobbing Sunday August 3rd as The New Wolverine Jazz Orchestra from Sydney, Australia on their US tour landed at the Dupont Country Club in Wilmington DE with one American drummer who looked the part with his slicked back hair and round horned rimmed glasses.

The players for this afternoon’s concert consisted of Geoff Power (cornet, trombone & vocals), Adrian Cunningham (alto & tenor saxophone, & clarinet), Peter Locke (piano), Harry Harlan (string bass & tuba), Liam O’Connell (guitar & banjo), the only American in the band, born and raised in Bix Beiderbecke’s hometown of Davenport Iowa, Josh Duffee, looking very much the part and Jim Elliott (trombone, clarinet, tenor saxophone). The Wolverines tuned up with the ever populate At the Jazz Band Ball. Then the band was introduced by Pete and despite a very touchy microphone which he later put away anyway and decided to use his hands as a megaphone Geoff sang the next song and in my estimation, it sounded much better than with the microphone. Ain’t No Sweet Gal, a song Bix recorded with the Paul Whiteman Orchestra. We later found out that every time someone would walk past the transmitter of the remote for the microphone, that is what was making the mic in the front go in and out. But the people in the back were having a hard time hearing him. It was unfortunate because it sounded very nice up front when he cupped his hands around his mouth, megaphone style. The next song he recorded with Jean Goldkette, My Pretty Girl then came Half Way Blues by David Basdin. The next song was a tribute to Louis Armstrong and the Hot 7, Potato Head Blues. Then Liam O was featured on Honeysuckle Rose and they finished the first set with Wolverine Blues.

The second set led off with a Bix standard, his first recording. I believe, Fidgety Feet. This was followed by a Duke Ellington piece that we all know, The Mooche. The next song was an interesting piece titles Suzie of the Isle. I did not write down anything about this and I’m sorry about that because I should have and didn’t. I apologize for that. A reviewer should know better. This next one got a rousing standing ovation for Geoff Power as he held the last note of Bunny Berigan’s I Can't Get Started for quite a while and deservedly earned that standing O. Then, how he could sing Changes as Bing Crosby did with Bix in the old days after holding that note, I'll never know. Peter was up next on the piano with I'm Coming Virginia and they finished the 2nd set with Hoagy Carmichael's Riverboats Shuffle.

The opener for the 3rd set was an Australian number by Frank Johnson called Walker the Fish, a very funny song that was quite a hit with the crowd. Next came Geoff singing Rose of Washington Square followed up by Clarinet Marmalade, then what has been called the most perfect 3 minutes of music ever, Louis Armstrong’s, The West End Blues, which you will find on our MySpace page as a video. Then they played a song he played with Jean Goldkette, I’m Gonna Meet My Sweetie Now. Then came a duo of Geoff and Harry to This Heart of Mine. They ended the set with a tune by an Australian band by the name of The Graeme Bell Band entitled In A Persian Market, which featured Josh Duffee on the drums.

The final set started with At Sundown, then an Irving Mills & his Hotsy Totsy Gang song, Deep Harlem, followed by Tia-Juana and a Pete Fountain tune, The Bayou Blues. The next to last song brought the house down. It featured Adrian Cunningham doing Undecided. He rocked the place and he almost blew the tent over with the applause. Geoff finished the concert with the song Happy Feet. Several of the band members stayed for a while to talk with us. I got to know the drummer Josh a little bit. He is looking to find the gravesite of a jazz great named Clancy Morehouse who is supposedly buried in Medford NJ. I had overheard the conversation and living as close as I do to Medford, I told him I would try and look a little deeper and see if I could help him out a little more. But I could not. But I said I would try a bit more while he was touring. And I have my The Terminal Collection going on as I got the entire band to sign a flier that fortunately Bill had a copy of one in his bag. I forgot to bring mine.

If you are wondering what The Terminal Collection is, do you remember the Tom Hanks movie The Terminal? He is an expatriot Eastern European who can't come into the New York City because his country is in a civil war and is no longer considered a country by the US so he can't claim citizenship. But eventually he gets in. But the reason he is going to New York is to get the last autograph for his father's collection from a big picture that was taken of a lot of jazz greats. The last one is of jazz saxophone player Benny Golson. He does get the autograph. But he carries this peanut can around with him in the movie and you don't know why throughout the movie. They think it’s his father's ashes most of the time. But at the end you find out about the autographs. So at the Bob Seeley concert, I overheard him tell Pete that he would autograph any CD that anyone would buy. So I thought to myself would he autograph a flier? The band did autograph my flyer and I hope bob will when I send it to him. So those 2 fliers will be MY The Terminal. Get it?

Fred Weber

SUMMIT STOMPERS AT ST ANDREWS

The Time: 2:30pm – 6:00pm, Sunday, September 21, 2008
The Place: St. Andrew’s Methodist Church, Route 70, Cherry Hill, NJ
The Band: The Summit Stompers, Kent Blair, trombone, vocals and leader; Bart Bartholomew, cornet; Sy Helderman, clarinet and soprano sax; Fred Fischer, piano and vocals; Jon Martin, banjo and vocals; Mike McBurney, tuba; Don Robertson, drums
St. Andrews church was the setting of our first concert of the 2008-2009 season, and the band performing was an ensemble from the Summit, NJ area, the Summit Stompers. Led by trombonist Kent Blair, the afternoon was filled with the sounds of Armstrong, Oliver, Morton, and most of all, the sounds of West Coast Revival Jazz.

Aside from drummer Don Robertson, the band members were new to our TSJS audience. Blair, provided a smooth sounding trombone in the Bill Rank – Floyd O'Brien style; Bartholomew’s cornet showed the influence of Bix, but at times showed a lyrical quality similar to Bobby Hackett. Helderman’s reed work has New Orleans written all over it – wailing, bluesy and raspy. Fischer’s piano combines the stride of the 1920’s with subtle modern elements. Martin’s banjo is uniquely in a class of its own. The aforementioned Robertson and tubist Mike McBurney, support the front line with solid rhythmic drive.

After the conclusion of the opening number, “Oriental Strut”, Blair introduced the band and gave a brief summary of their history, and the music they perform. The band favored performing numbers associated with the West Coast revivalist bands of Lu Watters, Turk Murphy and Bob Scobey.

The first set was unusually extensive, nineteen numbers in all, including the interlude with just Fischer and Robertson performing. The program was mixed with classic Jazz, West Coast revival, and familiar (and some not-so-familiar) popular songs. Among the Jazz tunes, “Sunset Café Stomp” was a tune associated with Louis Armstrong during his Hot Five-Hot Seven days. Satchmo’s recording band had a profound effect on the band during this number, with Helderman’s clarinet raspy and wailing as if Johnny Dodds was watching, and Fischer’s piano had a touch of Miss Lil. “Riverside Blue,” a moaning minor composition from the King Oliver book, was characteristically Oliver in performance – mostly ensemble, with Helderman taking the only solo. A selection from the Clarence Williams Blue Five, “Cake Walking Babies From Home” has Helderman taking the Sidney Bechet part on soprano sax. Both Blair and banjoist Jon Martin share the vocal honors. “Melancholy”, a tune originally recorded with Johnny Dodd’s Black Bottom Stompers, is played as if the band was recovering from the wildest of parties, and facing the morning after. Mike McBurney had a rare solo on this one. Another Hot Seven composition, “Come Back, Sweet Papa” brings out the lyrical qualities of cornetist Bart Bartholomew. Blair’s trombone merely stated the melody and somehow made the Paul Barbarin composition sound like something new.

Influence of the West Coast bands was evident throughout the concert. Yet, only two compositions from the genre were performed – Lu Watters’ “Yerba Buena Strut” and “Big Bear Strut.” On the former, Helderman plays minimal notes on the clarinet while pianist Fischer throws in some fine stride. The latter tune contains plenty of toms-toms and breaks from Robertson, backing Bartholomew with a clipped crack cymbal and McBurney injecting “oompah” commentary from his tuba and takes a rare break.

Among the pop tunes performed, Irving Berlin’s “Russian Lullaby” and Fred Rose’s “Deed I Do” are probably the most familiar popular songs the band performed on Sunday. Other items like J. Russel Robinson’s “Lena From Palestina” and Billy Rose’s “I Wished I Was In Peoria” were a less familiar, yet entertaining lot. Best of them is “Lullaby” with its first introductory chorus played at a funeral pace before Robertson kicks the band into high gear, inspiring solos from Blair, Martin, and Helderman (on clarinet and soprano).

The interlude I spoke of earlier showcased the keyboard skills of Fred Fischer. On “King Porter Stomp”, he captures the composer’s semi-raggy / semi-stride style while being guided by Robertson’s brushes. However, it was Fischer’s performance of “Handful of Keys” that won me over. The tune, usually taken at frenetic tempos, was much more relaxed, making one appreciate the beauty of Fats Waller’s composition.

The second and third sets, while a good deal shorter, contained inspired performances. Jelly Roll Morton’s “Wild Man Blues” contains a snarling Bartholomew cornet while Helderman climbs from the clarion to the altissimo in his break on “Emperor Norton’s Hunch.” Don Robertson is the star on “Messin’ Around”, a jaunty tune with rhythmic shifts throughout. The final number, “Curse of Aching Heart”, begins with a late night barroom intro by Fischer, before picking up steam, igniting a dialogue between Blair and Bartholomew. Robertson and McBurney get their innings in; both in the form of breaks.

The Summit Stompers, a fun band for a Sunday afternoon. Hope we hear from them in the near future. Our next concert will be at our old stomping grounds – the Brooklawn American Legion Hall in Brooklawn, NJ where the Tri-State Jazz Society will present Ben Mauger’s Vintage Jazz Band on Sunday, October 19th at 2:00pm. See you then.

Jim McGann

BOB SEELEY CONCERT AT RIVERTON’S PORCH CLUB

Thursday June 26, 2008

I excerpted the following from an encyclopedia:

Boogie-Woogie started as a solo piano musical style, but has also been used in small jazz combos, large swing bands and singers. It is sometimes called “eight to the bar”, since much of it is written in 4/4 time using mostly eighth notes. It is not a lot of Boogie-Woogie piano players working in the world today, but there are about 50 practitioners of Boogie-Woogie music.

On Thursday, June 26, the Tri-State Jazz Society presented Bob Seeley, born in the early 1930s (sorry, I didn't hear exactly what he said), in a solo piano concert at the Riverton Porch Club. About 45 music lovers were present. It is too bad there weren't more, because those present were treated to an exciting evening of jazz piano playing.

Bob played 19 songs during the concert, actually more because some of his songs were medleys. Most were in the Boogie-Woogie style, but there were also plenty in blues, stride, and other jazz piano styles.

In spite of what the encyclopedia said, there are not a lot of Boogie-Woogie piano players working in the world today, probably no more than a half-dozen good ones, and many experts rate Bob Seeley the best.

Bob gave us an interesting education in jazz piano playing and jazz piano players in his commentaries while introducing his next
number. We now know that the best of the original Boogie-Woogie piano players were Albert Ammons (1907-1949), Meade "Lux" Lewis (1905-1964) and Pete Johnson (1904-1967). We also know that Benny Goodman, who brought the house down with his band's paying of, "Sing, Sing, Sing" at the Carnegie Hall concert in 1938, didn't write the song; that crazy trumpet player leading his own band, Louis Prima, did.

In spite of all the good education we got from Bob, the best thing was his piano playing; and he is certainly one of the best - if not the best - jazz piano players working today.

George Hunt

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