OUR NEXT CONCERT

AL HARRISON’S DIXIELAND BAND
Sunday July 19, 2009 – 2:00-5:30 PM

Brooklawn American Legion Post, 11 Railroad Ave at the end of Browning Rd, Brooklawn NJ (Five minutes from the Walt Whitman Bridge off Rte 130) (see page 4 for directions)

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Al Harrison-Trumpet, cornet, flugelhorn has toured extensively with orchestras such as the Ward Marsten, Mike Carney, Phil Giordano, Scott Romig, Bill Newnam, and Midnight Sun Orchestras. Venues include performing at the Kimmel Center in downtown Philadelphia, and at several casinos in Atlantic City, New Jersey, including the Showboat Casino. He played Dixieland on the historic steamboat Delta Queen, and has backed up such greats as Tony Bennett, Billy Daniels, Jack Jones, and Sammy Davis, Jr.

Gil Bennett-Clarinet & Saxophone Jazz music has taken Gil from Las Vegas to Reno, where he has played with jazz greats such as: Buddy DeFranco, JJ Johnson, Wild Bill Davison, Bill Harris, Harry James and Buddy Rich. In addition, he led the house band at Mickey Rooney’s Downingtown Inn for 18 years.

Lew Leabman-Drums has played drums for a variety of entertainers and musicians that includes Natalie Cole, Maureen McGovern, Dan Aykroyd, Jerry Vale, Bob Hope, and Charlie Spivak. Presently he has his own trio and is a member of the Dave Stahl Band.

Joseph Claffy-Piano began his professional career at age fifteen in Denver, Colorado. Upon graduating with a piano performance degree from University of the Arts, he set to work writing and arranging jingles for television shows and advertisements. His commercial accomplishments include composing for Sunoco, Six Flags/Great Adventure, Ovaltine and the Jeep Aloha Bowl. While on tour as musical director for the great tenor Enzo Stuarti, he conducted the London Symphony Orchestra, the New Orleans Symphony and Les Brown’s Band of Renown.

Fred Scott-Trombone has toured with the Glenn Miller Orchestra and played at the now legendary Latin Casino backing up performers including Frank Sinatra, Liza Minelli, Sammy Davis, Jr., Tony Bennett, and Johnny Mathis. His many Broadway show credits include the initial run of "Sophisticated Ladies."

Ed Wise-Bass is a board member of Tri-State and leads his own New Orleans Dixieland Jazz Band. Ed lived in New Orleans for 10 years, and played with such notables as Red Garland, Dave Zollner, Eddie Daniels, and Al Hirt. After Hurricane Katrina, Ed moved to Philadelphia where he lives today and is the musical director of the University of Pennsylvania’s jazz band.
Upcoming TSJS Concerts
In August

Wednesday August 5, 7:30pm – Neville Dickie, England’s great Stride Pianist at First Unitarian Church, Wilmington, DE. Mr. Dickie annually makes an appearance for TSJS every year around this time, educating and entertaining audiences with classic stride, ragtime and boogie-woogie piano (see pg 4-5 for times and directions)

Sunday August 16th – Tex Wyndham & his Red Lion Jazz Band at Grace Episcopal Church, Wilmington, DE. Noted cornetist, pianist, author and historian Tex Wyndham will educate and perform classic early Jazz with his great band, the Red Lions (see pg 4 for times and directions)

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2009 TSJS JAM SESSION

The Time: Sunday, June 21st, 2009, 2pm – 5:30pm
The Place: Brooklawn American Hall, Brooklawn, NJ
The Band: 2009 TSJS Jam Session Band, Ed Wise, leader, string bass and vocals; Bob Ferguson, trumpet, flugelhorn, and cornet; Bill Newnam, trombone; Jerry Rife, clarinet; Pat Mercuri, banjo and amplified guitar; Skip Rohrich, drums. Guest musicians: Drew Nugent, cornet, piano, and vocals; Dr. Bob Binder, trombone and vocals; Mary Lou Newnam, soprano and tenor saxes; Chic Bach, piano

Not long before attending the Jam Session, I had returned from a five day cruise to Canada, and was still experiencing a case of the “sea legs” during the concert. So if this review tends to shift a bit, that is why 😊

The 2009 Jam Session was underway with bassist/Board member Ed Wise at the helm. About ½ the musicians in the Jam band were new to this environment (at least new to me). This was my first encounter with trumpeter Bob Ferguson, trombonist Bill Newnam, and drummer Skip Rohrich. Ferguson is a master technician with a complete command of his instruments, Newnam is a capable trombonist with a gruff tone, and Rohrich, while not one for hogging the spotlight, accompanies the soloists with perfect time.

The concert began minus Mssrs. Ferguson and Newnam, who were caught in traffic on the Atlantic City Expressway. In their stead, guest musicians Drew Nugent (cornet) and Dr. Bob Binder (trombone) sat in on the opening number, the title of which I failed to put in my notes (blame it on the “sea legs”). The number provided us with a Slam Stewart style arco (“bowed”) bass solo from leader Ed Wise, and an excellent banjo solo from Pat Mercuri.

At the conclusion of “Nobody’s Sweetheart” the second tune performed, Ferguson and Newnam arrived, and things were under way. All of the tunes performed at this concert were OKOM standards; tunes most everyone familiar with OKOM could identify.

With the full band intact, Nugent and Binder left the stage to return later in the second set. “Struttin with Some Barbecue” featured some mellow Jerry Rife clarinet, boisterous, blazing trumpet from Ferguson and cool Bill Newnam trombone. Ed Wise talked about a debate over the actual title of “Muskrat Ramble” (some sources state because of composer Kid Ory’s love of muscatel, the title was known as “Muscat Ramble”). When performed, we got to hear mellow sounds from Rife, who threw in a quote from “Lullaby of Broadway”, some middle register work from Ferguson, and subtle growling from Newnam. Mercuri somehow managed to make the banjo appear amplified, while Wise’s bass solo was excellent – alternating single lines with chords.

“Undecided” was performed with a smooth swing, with Rife in a 1940’s groove, Ferguson, on flugelhorn, doing modern double-timing, Mercuri’s amplified guitar adds to the 40’s sound, and Skip Rohrich...
Blues…with a Fury!

**The Time:** Thursday, June 25th, 2009, 7:30pm  
**The Place:** First Unitarian Church, 730 Halstead St, Wilmington, DE  
**Piano:** Bob Seeley

Attired in a Panama hat, black sport coat and dark tan slacks, the master pianist exercised his hands by playing brief snippets of “Caravan” (as a stride piece) and “Willow Weep For Me” (as a boogie-woogie exercise) amidst idle chatter before the concert. The master pianist is Bob Seeley, who performed for TSJS on Thursday night at First Unitarian Church. Like the past outstanding performances Seeley gave to TSJS audiences, this one was no exception.

Seeley hit the ground with his fingers running. The opening number was “Sixth Avenue Express”, originally a collaborative effort by Albert Ammons and Pete Johnson, but Seeley made it a solo piece, combining both pianists’ parts. Defining Boogie Woogie, as “the Blues, with a fury”, Seeley introduced Meade Lux Lewis’ “Honky Tonk Train Blues.” The composition is particularly demanding on the left hand, with heavy montunas (I’ll talk about this later.). Seeley said that HTTB was composed to “sound like a steam train” – Seeley’s performance confirms the “Blues with a fury” definition.

Performances from previous Seeley’s concerts were repeated, and all enjoyable the second time around – “St Louis Blues” – with a nod to Earl Hines’ “Boogie Woogie on St. Louis Blues”, and it’s juxtaposition of stride and boogie woogie, bluesy versions of sacred hymns like “Amazing Grace” and “Just A Closer Walk With Thee”, Avery Parrish’s “After Hours” and Jack Fina’s “Bumble Boogie”

There were some new arrangements, most of them taking place in the second set. “Death Ray Boogie”, a killer-diller boogie composed by Pete Johnson, was an uncomplimentary dedication to Benny Goodman, who’s “Ray” was an indication that a certain musician was giving a poor performance.

Cow Cow Davenport, who earned his sobriquet, as Seeley described, from riding cow-catchers, was the composer of “(I’ll Be Glad When Your Dead) You Rascal You” and “Cow Cow Boogie” (uncredited). Seeley performed one of Davenport’s compositions, “Mama Don’t Allow It”, comprised of new lyrics, with references to ragtime, James P. Johnson, Fats Waller, Duke Ellington, George Gershwin, and Irving Berlin, with a brief sample of their work thrown in. Concluding with a newsreel fanfare, Seeley proved that “Mama” should be more open-minded.

Ah, the montunas! Bet you were wondering when I was going to get to that. At one of the previous concerts, Seeley performed the Benny Goodman arrangement of “Sing, Sing Sing” with the treble taking on the brass and reed parts, and the boogie bass covering Gene Krupa’s tom-toms – a tour de force then as it was at this concert. When describing how he was going to perform this task, Seeley explained that a majority of the arrangement consisted of montunas, which is Latin for
“repetitive phrases.” (One more note: Seeley had asked the audience, “Who composed ‘Sing, Sing, Sing?’” The answer was Louis Prima. But one member of our audience shouted “Fletcher Henderson.” Which is interesting because the original Victor recording of the Goodman epic is entitled “Sing, Sing Sing (introducing Christopher Columbus)” Among the various riffs heard throughout “Sing, Sing, Sing,” there is a short minor version of Henderson’s hit inserted half-way through the arrangement. “Columbus” was also involved in controversy in regards to authorship; while credited to Fletcher Henderson, apparently it was collaborative effort by Roy Eldridge, Chu Berry and Fletcher’s younger brother Horace – jjm).

Another interesting segment involved composer Walter Donaldson. As Seeley described, the composer bought a small musical toy for one of his children. The toy did not survive long, and its broken state affected its musical qualities, but Donaldson saw inspiration in the mangled mechanism, resulting in the compositions “Carolina In the Morning” and “My Buddy”. I’m not sure if this story was true, but Seeley made it great theater.

After the “mystery tune” (“Show Me the Way To Go Home”), the concert concluded, ending another great evening with the great Bob Seeley and another great year for the Tri-State Jazz Society. – Jim McGann

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August 5 Wednesday
Neville Dickie, great English pianist, at First Unitarian Church, west off Concord Pike (202), south of Concord Mall, Wilmington, DE 19803 via Whitney Drive 7:30 PM

August 16 Sunday
Tex Wyndham and His Red Lion JB at Grace Episcopal Church, Wilmington, DE 2 PM

Fall

Sept 20 Jerry Rife’s Rhythm Kings at Brooklawn American Legion Hall 2 PM

Oct 18 Atlantic City Jazz Band with Herb Roselle St Matthew Lutheran Church, Moorestown, NJ 2 PM

Nov 1 Barnhart Midiri Quartet (Jeff, Joe, Anne, Paul) 2 PM

Dec 13 Ben Mauger’s Vintage Jazz Band 2 PM

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**July 12 Jazz Fest:** Plainfield Township Fire Hall, Wind Gap, PA David Ostwald’s Gelly Low Jazz Band, Robbie Scott and the Dixie Dealers, Rio Clemente Trio

Sept 13 Pete Pepke at Wind Gap Legion

Oct 11 Jazz Lobsters at Easton Moose

Nov 8 Doug Smith at Easton Moose See website for directions.

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Oct 17 New Traditional JB from Maine, Rosensteel Knights of Columbus

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July 13 8PM Blue Skies Octet.

July 20 Midiri Brothers Sextet (Wise, Tobias, Mercuri, Lawlor)

July 27 Aaron Weinstein with Bucky Pizzarelli

August 3 Neville Dickie

August 17 Allan Vache’s Benny Goodman Tribute with Reinhart, Shane, Nalepka, Dorn, Matt Hoffmann and TERRY BLAINE

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(At Ocean County Library)

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JULY 22 7 PM Perkins Art Center, Moorestown, NJ lawn
JULY 28 6 PM Limerick Park, Limerick PA
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