OUR NEXT CONCERTS

ED WISE AND HIS NEW ORLEANS JAZZ BAND

Ed Wise, leader and string bass,
Stan Slotter, trumpet,
Charly Salinger, clarinet, saxes
Joe Midiri, clarinet, saxes
Fred Scott, trombone
Pat Mercuri, guitar
Grant MacAvoy, drums

Sunday January 16th, 2011
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Brooklawn American Legion Hall
11 Railroad Avenue
Brooklawn, NJ 08030

For more info on this concert, see Ed Wise on Page 2
Directions on page 7

TRI-STATE JAZZ SOCIETY PIANO SERIES

MARK KRAMER

Sunday, January 30, 2011
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
The Porch Club
4th and Howard Streets
Riverton, NJ 08077

For more info on this concert, see Kramer on page 2
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Looking Ahead to February, 2011

Coming up in February, 2011 On Sunday, February 13, 2011, Jerry Rife’s Rhythm Kings will perform at Brooklawn American Legion Hall, Post 72, 11 Railroad Ave, Brooklawn, NJ, and on February 27, Joe Holt will perform a solo piano concert at the Porch Club, 4th and Howard Streets, Riverton, NJ.

Save the Date - March 8, 2011

Celebrate Mardi Gras and Help Support JazzBridge

Tri-State Jazz Society is co-sponsor of a benefit concert to held at the Collingswood Arts Center (address) on the evening of Fat Tuesday, March 8, 2011. The Al Harrison Dixieland Band will provide traditional New Orleans music for dancing and listening. More details and tickets will be available this month.

American Rag Winners

Every month, TSJS selects from its membership a winner of a free four month subscription to the American Rag. The winner for December, 2010 is Fred Weber. New members of Tri-State Jazz Society automatically receive a two-month trial subscription to American Rag, the country’s largest traditional jazz and ragtime newspaper.

Ed Wise and His New Orleans Jazz Band at Brooklawn (cont’d from page 1)

“As far as New Orleans music goes, you can’t get more authentic than Ed Wise and his New Orleans Jazz Band. Ed and his lineup of stellar musicians left the Pennsylvania Jazz Society on their feet screaming MORE-MORE-MORE. Ed’s knowledge and passion for the music are displayed on the bandstand at each and every show. If you are looking for a New Orleans Jazz Band, look no further.” – Mike Kuehn, President, Pennsylvania Jazz Society

Since moving to Philadelphia in 2005 in the wake of Katrina, besides accepting his position as musical director for Penn Jazz, Ed has also assembled a superb group of East Coast musicians into his current working band, “Ed Wise and his New Orleans Jazz Band." Additionally, Ed has been working constantly around Philadelphia and the world, appearing at Jazz festivals across the U.S. and in Europe with The Midiri Brothers Band and his longtime New Orleans friend and colleague, Connie Jones. He also maintains a busy writing schedule, composing and arranging for his own band, the Midiri Brothers and Penn Jazz.

Mr. Wise performed for TSJS with an abridged version of his Jazz band one year ago (the New Orleans Jazz Band “Lite”), celebrating the recorded works of the Bechet –Spanier and the Rex Stewart-Django Reinhardt Quartets. Mr. Wise’s ensemble has recently been added to the Artists’ Roster of PennPAT (Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour) and has proven quite popular in the Tri-State area, playing an assortment of old standards and fine obscure tunes from a by-gone era.

Kramer (cont’d from page 1)

Mark Kramer has long been described as a musician’s musician – as composer, arranger, and pianist. Mr. Kramer had been one of the most successful advocates and performers of Jazz in this region, heard during the 1980s and 1990s weekly on radio and in live performance up to 5 nights a week

Mark was trained as a child as a classical violinist and saxophonist. Despite what reviewers
call his “astonishing technical prowess, spritely harmonics, and melodic clarity” on piano, Kramer is entirely self taught on that instrument (and its classical repertoire) and in jazz from age 15.

This is the first concert in our new piano series, Mr. Kramer will be performing a varied program entitled “From Jelly Roll to Dizzy Roll,” including the traditional piano Jazz of Jelly Roll Morton. Thanks to Dewitt Peterson, our past president, for creating and organizing our new piano series.

REVIEW - THE AL HARRISON DIXIELAND BAND

The Time: 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Sunday, December 12, 2010
The Place: First Unitarian Church, 730 Halstead Road, Wilmington, DE
The Band: Al Harrison, trumpet, cornet, flugelhorn, and leader; Gil Bennett, clarinet; Fred Scott, trombone; Dave Posmontier, piano; Jim Parker, tuba; Lew Leabman, drums

It was 12:35 p.m. I got in the car and left my New Jersey home, headed for Delaware. Traffic on Mortal Combat AKA Interstate 95 was fine. Then I made the exit onto Naamans Road—it was speed prohibitive! Somehow I managed to arrive at First Unitarian by 1:40 p.m. Quickly I parked the car in the church parking lot, gathered my notes and camera equipment, and ran to the church door.

I opened the door to the strains of “Battle Hymn of the Republic.” Standing out was the tubist, Jim Parker, literally dancing as he produced elephantine sounds, almost eclipsing the Christmas tree that stood stage right of him. Drummer Lew Leabman kept a march influence tempo, as befits the patriotic song. Gil Bennett and Fred Scott chipped away on clarinet and trombone, respectively. Pianist Dave Posmontier provided a subtle gospel influence in the rhythm section. And on trumpet, coralling the troops and joining in on vocal was Al Harrison. This was the Al Harrison Dixieland Band.

The band, last seen at TSJS in July, 2009, was in fine form. Clarinetist Gil Bennett, trombonist Fred Scott, and drummer Lew Leabman were the carry-overs from that concert, while pianist Dave Posmontier and the entertaining Jim Parker on tuba, filling in for Ed Wise, were the newcomers. Al and company turned in a great show.

Picking up when I arrived, the band kicked into “At the Jazz Band Ball.” Bennett, Harrison and Scott all contributed great soli to light the fuse to this standard, but it was Posmontier and Parker who were the stars. The pianist mixed all kinds of elements – stride, blues and some modern technique – crafting an individualized solo. Parker all but blew the bell off his horn, strutting his stuff in a semi-circle, wishing to be in a New Orleans parade.

Parker made his presence felt on the next number, “Blues My Naughty Sweetie Gave to Me.” After a fine Harrison flugelhorn solo, the tubist produced sounds that could be best described as amplified tuba! The cliché Jazz compliment of making an instrument talk was defined by Parker’s efforts.

“I Want To Be Happy” and “Tea For Two,” two selections from the musical, “No, No, Nanette,” were next on the program. The former featured fine plunger mute interplay between Harrison and Fred Scott. Leabman made a fine effort on drums, climaxing with playing the bell of Parker’s tuba! (see photo).

The latter, “Tea for Two,” was taken at a slower pace than usual, eschewing the usual barrelhouse approach in favor of a romantic rendezvous.

Dave Posmontier had some interesting moments on keyboard as the first set came to a close. On “Undecided,” the pianist applied some classical themes whilst taking a dodge-ball approach – hands jumping up and down the
keyboard, and on “Fidgety Feet,” he quoted another Dixieland standard, “Indiana.” In-between, Posmontier, unaccompanied, illustrated a poignant rendition of Billy Strayhorn’s “Lush Life.”

The second set began with Paul Barbarin’s “Second Line.” The tune is a New Orleans marching band’s dream (In his later days, Barbarin was a participant in the Crescent City’s street parades). Parker stood out on this and the next selection, “Basin Street Blues,” where he took the lead, normally reserved for trombonist (in the tradition of Jack Teagarden), even taking the closing cadenza.

The showstopper, however, was Juan Tizol’s “Caravan.” Taken at a frantic tempo, Bennett’s clarinet played the role of snake charmer while Fred Scott, backed by Leabman’s shuffling tomtoms, was a visiting sheik, embarking on a night of libation. Harrison’s solo was swaying like a belly dancer, enticing the customers to the show. Parker, however, crashed this party, inciting a sandstorm, blowing participants, tents and camels to opposite ends of the desert.

I left First Unitarian fully satisfied from the performances of the Al Harrison Dixieland Band. The music stayed with me as I embarked on my drive back to the Garden State. Be sure to join us at Brooklawn in January when TSJS hosts Ed Wise and his New Orleans Jazz Band on January 16th, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. – Jim McGann

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB 13 Jerry Rife’s Rhythm Kings, Brooklawn American Legion Hall, Post 72, 11 Railroad Ave, Brooklawn, NJ

FEB 27 Joe Holt, solo piano concert. The Porch Club, 4th and Howard Streets, Riverton, NJ

MAR 11 Jeff Barnhart, solo piano concert. The Porch Club, 4th and Howard Streets, Riverton, NJ

MAR 20 Dan Levinson’s Palomar Quartet and special guests The Anderson Twins, Community Arts Center, 414 Plush Mill Road, Wallingford, PA 19086

OTHER VENUES

PENNSYLVANIA JAZZ SOCIETY

www.pajazzsociety.org , 610-625-4640

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EASTON MOOSE: 3320 Fox Hill Rd., Easton, PA 18045 OR at 

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$20, $18 members, student admission is free

FEB 20 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. Pennsylvania Jazz Society All Star Band. Location TBA

NEW JERSEY JAZZ SOCIETY

www.njjs.org , 1-800-303-NJJS

For events co-sponsored by NJJS, check the Bickford Theatre and Ocean County College listings.

MAR 6 Noon – 5:30 p.m. 42nd Annual Pee Wee Russell Memorial Stomp with Vince Giordano and his Nighthawks, The Baby Soda Jazz Band, Ed Wise and his New Orleans Jazz Band, The Tomcats Dixie Unit and more. Birchwood Manor, Whippany, NJ. Tickets $25/NJJS members $30/non-members $10/students

THE BICKFORD THEATRE

6 Normandy Heights Road Morristown, NJ

http://www.njjs.org/p/services/bickford.html

All concerts 8:00-9:30 p.m.

$15(advance), $18 (at the door), 973-971-3706.

JAN 11 Bucky Pizzarelli’s 85 Birthday with Aaron Weinstein and Jerry Bruno

FEB 1 Great Groundhog Day Jam with Herb Gardner

FEB 28 Rio Clemente

MAR 17 Jazz Lobsters
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www.capemaytraditionaljazzsociety.com
PO Box 113, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247
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Jan 30 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Atlantic City Jazz Band
Feb 13 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. The Al Harrison Dixieland Band
Mar 13 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Midiri Brothers

OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE
(At Ocean County Library)
http://www.njjs.org/p/services/ocean.html
732-255-0500 $13 advance/ $15 at the door. All concerts start at 8:00 p.m. Concerts at Ocean County College campus, Community and Arts Center, College Drive, Toms River, NJ 08753
Jan 20 Midiri Brothers
Feb 9 Dorian Parreott with Stanton Davis and Mark Cohen
Mar 2 Big Bix Beiderbecke Birthday Blast with Dan Levinson and Randy Reinhart

POTOMAC RIVER JAZZ CLUB
www.prjc.org
Feb 13 2:00-5:00 p.m. A PRJC Mardi Gras Celebration with John Royan from New Orleans. Rockville Elks Lodge, 5 Taft Court, Rockville, MD
Mar 13 2:00-5:00 p.m. Dixieland Direct with Harry Watters, Rosensteel K of C, 9707 Rosensteel Avenue, Silver Springs, Md

SOMERS POINT JAZZ SOCIETY
http://www.spjazz.org/
Jan 3, Feb 7 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Big Band Monday at Sandi Pointe with the Ed Vezinho/Jim Ward Big Band, Sandi Pointe Coastal Bistro, 908 Shore Road, Somers Point, NJ. Admission $5.00
Mar 5 8:30 – 11:00 p.m. Atlantic City Jazz Band, Gregory’s Restaurant, 900 Shore Road, Somers Point, NJ. Admission free for SPJS members/students, $5/non-members

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www.myspace.com/vincegiordanothenighthawks
See also New Jersey Jazz Society listings

Every Monday and Tuesday, Sofia’s Restaurant, 221 W 46th St, Edison Hotel, NYC 212-719-5799. 8:00-11:00 p.m. $15 cover plus $15 food/drink minimum

DAN LEVINSON
http://www.danlevinson.com/
Jan 9 2:00 p.m. with Mark Shane. Mount Laurel Library, 100 Walt Whitman Avenue, Mount Laurel, NJ
Jan 22 8:00 p.m. with James Langton’s New York All-Star Big Band celebrating the anniversary of Benny Goodman’s famous 1938 Carnegie Hall Jazz Concert with Charlie Caranicas, Bria Skonberg, Randy Reinhart, Jim Fryer, Harvey Tibbs, Marc Phaneuf, Mark Shane, Mike Weatherly, Brooks Tegler, The Anderson Twins and Molly Ryan. Theatre of the Somerset County Vocational and Technical Schools, 14 Vogt Drive, Bridgewater, NJ
Tickets (908) 237-1238 or partnership2000@embarqmail.com

MIDIRI BROTHERS
www.midiribros.com
See Ocean County College and Cape May Traditional Jazz Society listings

Mar 5 7:00 p.m. Gloucester County Library, 389 Wolfert Station Road, Mullica Hill, NJ
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FROM NEW JERSEY - ROUTE 73, COMING NORTH TOWARDS THE TACONY-PALMYRA BRIDGE: When you pass Route 130, you will see the Woodbine Inn, the Milmarian Restaurant (slow down), a gas station, and a Crab place on the right (really, really slow down). Right after you go under the railroad bridge, make a hard right. This is Broad Street in Palmyra. Continue for about a mile on Broad Street. After the second (functioning, not blinking yellow) light (Cinnaminson Avenue), you will see Schwering’s Hardware and Weber’s Funeral Home on the left, the Riverline Station on the right. The next light is Main Street. Make a left. Take the immediate right fork onto Howard Street. Go two blocks. The Porch Club is on the far right corner.

FROM ROUTE 130, COMING NORTH TO CINNAMINSON: Once you cross Route 73, go about a mile to the intersection of Rt.130 and Riverton-Moorestown Road. There is a Bayard’s Chocolate House on your right and a walkway overhead. Turn right, then bear left to loop around across Route130. Bear right onto Riverton Road. There is one light immediately, then another one about a mile later. This is the corner of Main and Broad Streets in Riverton. The Riverline train crosses here. Continue straight through the light. Take the immediate right fork onto Howard Street. Go two blocks. The Porch Club is on the far right corner.

FROM ROUTE 38: turn onto Hartford Road Westbound. Go to the next light and make a left onto Marne Highway. Go as far as you can and then bear right. You are now on Riverton-Moorestown Road. As you come to Route 130, bear right and left, looping around the highway and back onto the same road, now called just Riverton Road. There is one light immediately, then another one about a mile later. This is the corner of Main and Broad Streets in Riverton. The Riverline train crosses here. Continue straight through the light. Take the immediate right fork onto Howard Street. Go two blocks. The Porch Club is on the far right corner.

FROM PENNSYLVANIA: Take I-95 North to the Betsy Ross Bridge exit, then get on Route 130 North and follow directions above.

Coming from the north, exit from I-95 to Bridge Street. Bear hard right as you come off the exit and go straight back under I-95 and through the next light. You are on Tacony Street. The old Frankford Arsenal will be on your right and I-95 on the left. You will see signs for the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge. Go straight over the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge. At the bottom of the bridge, make the very first left in NJ. There’s a light for you, but nobody else, on Route 73. Go 2 short blocks to a stop sign. Make a right onto Temple Blvd. After 4/10 of a mile, Temple bears to the right, you go straight ahead onto Second Street. There is a recycle sign on the point. Go through eight stop signs. Make a right on Howard Street. Go two blocks. The Porch Club is on the near left corner.

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FROM THE NORTH USING I-295: Take I-295 south. Keep to the left when you get to the ramp that takes you toward the Walt Whitman Bridge. The ramp merges with I-76. Take the first right ramp after the I-295 intersection. Make a left at the top of the ramp onto Market Street. At the second traffic light turn left on Route 130 South (Gloucester High School). Proceed 1-1/2 miles to Browning Road (Days Inn) and turn right. Go to the end of Browning Road and turn right. The American Legion is ahead on the right.

FROM THE EAST: Take the Atlantic City Expressway and Route 42 North and West to I-76. Take the first right ramp after the I-295 intersection. Make a left at the top of the ramp onto Market Street. At the second traffic light turn left on Route 130 South (Gloucester High School). Proceed 1-1/2 miles to Browning Road (Days Inn) and turn right. Go to the end of Browning Road and turn right. The American Legion is ahead on the right.

FROM THE SOUTH: Take I-295 North to Exit 23, continuing on Route 130 North.

Go under a railroad trestle to a traffic circle with a Hess Station on your right. After rounding the circle, take the first right onto Spur Route 551 to the next traffic light (Browning Road). Turn left on Browning Road and cross over Route 130. Go to the end of Browning Road and turn right.
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