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TRI-STATE JAZZ SOCIETY
PIANO SERIES
BOB SEELEY

Sunday, June 19, 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,
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THE ANNUAL TRI STATE JAZZ SOCIETY JAM SESSION

Sunday June 26, 2011
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Dan Tobias, leader and cornet
Jerry Rife, clarinet
Herb Roselle, trombone
Pat Mercuri, banjo
Harry Salotti, tuba
Paul Midiri, drums

Brooklawn American Legion Hall
11 Railroad Avenue
Brooklawn, NJ

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It’s time to renew membership dues that expire June 30, except for new members who joined after March 1. Basic membership dues are $20 per person, same as last year. All members are admitted to regular concerts at half price. This policy has brought us larger audiences and many new members this year, but audience size has not grown enough to make us self-sustaining. To balance our budget, we continue to depend on the generous contributions of members at the Sponsor and Patron levels. To support TSJS in offering a full program of top-notch concerts next year, please consider renewing at the Sponsor level of $50, $70 for couples; or the Patron level of $100 or more, $120 for couples. If you are not planning to attend one of our June concerts, please mail the renewal form on page 8 with your check. We are a 501(c)(3) educational non-profit corporation, so your contributions and dues may be tax deductible, but check with your tax advisor. If you have questions about membership, contact Jay Schultz, our membership manager. Leave a message for him on our hot line 1-(856)-720-0232 or send e-mail to membership@tristatejazz.org.

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LOOKING AHEAD TO JULY, 2011

On Sunday, July 31st, at 2:00 p.m., England’s finest stride pianist Neville Dickey will play solo piano at Community Arts Center, 414 Plush Mill Road, Wallingford, PA 19086. For upcoming fall concerts, go to the Tri State Jazz Society section under “Upcoming Events”

SEELEY (cont’d from page 1)

The late great stride pianist Dick Wellstood, who knew a thing or two about killer left hands himself, liked to call Seeley “that Iron-Fingered Monster From Detroit.” Protégé of Meade Lux Lewis, one of the three giants of boogie-woogie (along with Albert Ammons and Pete Johnson), and accompanist to legendary blues singer Sippie Wallace, Bob entertained locals and visiting dignitaries at Charlie’s Crab in suburban Troy, Michigan, for over 30 years. While his most conspicuous influence has been Lewis, he’s an all-around pianist whose interests and repertoire span the works of Kern, Gershwin, and Debussy as well as ragtime, stride, blues, and of course boogie-woogie standards. Bob is one of the few boogie masters who have played Carnegie Hall, several times, and no less an authority than jazz virtuoso Dick Hyman says he’s the best boogie player alive. Peter Silvester wrote of Seeley in A Left Hand Like God: A History Of Boogie-Woogie Music (1988): "His solos are notable for their coherence and logical progression, which propels them to a satisfying climax. Of all the contemporary pianists, Seeley reproduces the sound and spirit of Meade Lux Lewis with the most conviction and sometimes even surpasses the master."

JAM SESSION

(cont’d from page 1)

This year a TSJS favorite, cornetist Danny Tobias, will lead an exciting Dixieland jam band co-featuring Jerry Rife on clarinet and Herb Roselle on trombone. A sizzling rhythm section with Pat Mercuri on guitar, Harry Salotti on tuba, and Paul Midiri on drums will have you bouncing in your seat. These top Philadelphia-area players work together frequently enough to ensure a polished and swinging performance, but they don’t perform
together so regularly there's any chance you'll catch them ho-humming along on auto-pilot. Expect synergy, stray sparks, and spontaneous flights.

Musicians who would like to sit in should bring their instruments and register at the admissions table. All who come to play will be admitted free. A keyboard will be available for pianists.

REVIEW - TEX WYNDHAM AND HIS RED LION JAZZ BAND

The Time: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sunday, May 15, 2011
The Place: Grace Episcopal Church, 4900 Concord Pike (Route 202), Wilmington, DE

The Band: Tex Wyndham, leader, cornet; Steve Barbone, clarinet; John Tatum, trombone; Jon Williams, piano; Dave Kee, bass sax; Roy Goldy, banjo and kazoo

It was announced at the beginning of the concert that Tex Wyndham’s Red Lions have been entertaining audiences for 47 years. As I write this review, I stopped and thought of the innovations, changes, and advancements made in this country and the world during the band’s existence – understatedly, too much to display here. Back in 1964, interest in traditional Jazz was, despite being on the cusp of the so-called “British Invasion,” probably much higher than it is today. I think we’ve reached the point where the memory of a modern Jazz figure like John Coltrane is fading.

On an overcast, muggy Sunday afternoon in Delaware, we had another opportunity to hear the works of Louis, Bix, ODJB, Oliver, Morton, et al. The bright sounds of the Red Lion Jazz Band under the leadership of cornetist Tex Wyndham permeated the air in Grace Episcopal Church. Traditional Jazz lived for another day!

As with all Red Lion concerts, the concert began with the band’s theme, “Down In Jungletown” featuring a piping hot Steve Barbone clarinet solo, and percussive keyboard by Jon Williams. Barbone applied his vocal talents on “Taint Nobody’s Business If I Do,” accompanied by Wyndham on cup mute, and trombonist John Tatum, using a plunger mute over a harmon mute. The trombonist humorously mocked Barbone’s second vocal chorus, with a growling accompaniment which appeared to say, “Blah, Blah, Blah” (much like Charlie Brown’s teacher).

Another characteristic of Red Lion concerts is the performing of seldom heard tunes. A “pseudo-Hawaiian” number popularized by Al Jolson, “Yaaka Hula Hickey Dula” inspired humorous commentary from Tatum and Williams. Tatum’s creative growling with plunger and harmon mute on Ma Rainey’s “Oh My Babe Blues.” A lesser known Hot Five effort, “Two Deuces” featured an earthy chalumeau Barbone clarinet, recalling Hot Five clarinetist Johnny Dodds, and with a melody similar to “At the Codfish Ball.” Roy Goldy played the title instrument on “When Erastus Plays His Old Kazoo.”

The familiar fare had more than its share of moments. Jon Williams aurally pulled the keys off the piano; such was his exhilarative force on “Limehouse Blues.” The famous Picou solo from “High Society” was performed in duet form by Barbone and bass saxist Dave Kee. Roy Goldy produced a fine single string banjo solo on “Perdido Street Blues.” The leader’s cornet lead on “Limehouse” and “Perdido” and particularly his subtle, sotto-voce bridge on “Honeysuckle Rose” authenticated Wyndham’s mastery of the instrument and his rapport with the audience did not disappoint. His knowledge of the period history and background is unequaled.

Wyndham and the Red Lions closed the concert with Walter Donaldson’s “You’re Driving Me Crazy,” as a prelude to his upcoming piano concert on May 22nd, which would pay tribute to the great composer. – Jim McGann

REVIEW - TEX WYNDHAM PIANO CONCERT

Go to this web address <http://tsjsphotogallery.blogspot.com/2011/05/touring-tin-pan-alley-donaldson-with.html>

RECALLING MUSIC FROM THE PAST


Born in Brasher Falls, New York, Benjamin Albert Rolfe started his musical career at a skating
rink in Wisconsin. At the age of eleven he made a grand tour of Europe with a musical show in which he was the cornet soloist. After the tour he became head of the brass instrument department in the Utica Conservatory of Music.

In 1904 he formed a partnership with Jesse L. Lasky to produce vaudeville acts. A few years later he branched out as an independent producer and in 1914 played for Metro Pictures and produced a serial with Houdini. After the merger of Rolfe Photoplays and Columbia Pictures, he sold out to Metro and went back into the vaudeville business.

He organized a dance orchestra in 1926 for the Palais D’Or in New York, where he remained for four years. This was the beginning of his radio career. In 1928 Mr. Rolfe began his long engagement with the Lucky Strike hour, which was unique in that the program featured only his band. His stirring leadership and distinctive arrangements, emphasizing marked rhythm and melodic accentuations, have been heard on the Hudson Terraplane program and in a morning sustaining series for NBC.

Ray Wile prepared an extended Edisonia Discography for this article. The Palais D’Or Orch. started in 1926 --- 29 tunes were recorded; a new contract for 1927 produced another 43 tunes. The 1928 contract produced another 46 different tunes, plus his LUCKY STRIKE DANCE ORCH. Mastered another 19 tunes in 1929.

In 1927 four tunes were issued under the title of B.A. ROLFE, TRUMPET VIRTUOSO. Additionally, B. A. ROLFE and his CONCERT ORCH issued 8 tunes in 1927 & 3 more in 1928.

The article has a picture of his 12-man band, but no names are given. However, this brief write-up shows how his efforts were well-known on recordings and radio. He died in Walpole, Mass. on April 23, 1956 at age 76. – Woody Backensto
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Jun 11 Noon – 9:00 p.m. NJJS Jazzfest. College of St. Elizabeth, Morristown, NJ. Confirmed artists: Ellington Legacy Band, Allan Harris Quartet, Winard Harper Sextet with Philip Harper, Ken Peplowski Quartet, Jazz Lobsters Big Band, Jay Leonhart Trio. Advance Tickets: $45 members/$55 non-members. At Door: $60 members/

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Jun 22 Bob Seeley
Jul 27 Al Harrison

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Jun 12 2:00-5:00 p.m. Jug Band Special, Rosensteel K of C, 9707 Rosensteel Avenue, Silver Springs, MD. Tickets $15/PRJC members $20/General Admission
Jul 17 2:00-5:00 p.m. The SingCo Rhythm Orchestra, Rockville Elks Lodge, 5 Taft Court,
MERCHANT STREET JAZZ BAND
http://www.msjbdixie.com/
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Jul 4 Noon to 2:00 p.m. Waverly Heights, Gladwyne, PA.
Jul 11 7:00-8:00 p.m. Brittany Pointe Estates, Lansdale, PA.

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TSJS CRYPTOGRAM
< http://tsjsphotogallery.blogspot.com/2011/05/tsjs-cryptogram-for-june.html >
Answer to last month’s cryptogram – Barbecue Joe and his Hot Dogs – The one time recording band featuring trumpeter Wingy Mannone, recorded “Tar Paper Stomp” in 1930, which included a riff that became the central part of the big band hit, “In The Mood”

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ATTENTION STRUTTER CONTRIBUTORS!
It’s summer, time for the TSJS Editor to get some badly needed R&R. Deadline to contribute reviews, literature, and schedule changes for the September, 2011 Strutter is: Tuesday, August 30, 2011
DIRECTIONS TO THE PORCH CLUB

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. Main Street is the third (functioning, not blinking yellow) light. 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 Route 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 Route 130. 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 PHILADELPHIA OR DELAWARE: Take the Walt Whitman Bridge. Stay to your right. Take the ramp following signs to Route 130 South. 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 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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