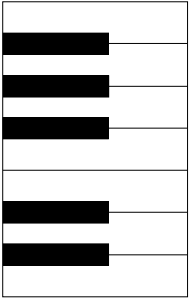


## NEWSLETTER



*Advancing Jazz music along the gulf coast!*



## An Evening with Pensacola's Own Piano Man



**MON., NOV 18**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Phineas Phogg's**  
**Seville Quarter**

\$12/members  
 \$15/nonmembers

# BOBBY VAN DEUSEN

BY RHONDA DEATON, ADMINISTRATOR

Hello Members of Jazz Pensacola,  
 This issue is packed with announcements for participation in the Jazz Society of Pensacola; as a member of the board, an artist featuring their talents, a musician playing with our Fabulous House Band on Monday jam nights, or to get the latest information on our event schedule, read on. We look forward to playing for your enjoyment.

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# Call for Artists

JazzFest 2025  
APRIL 5 & 6

Calling all artists to create a unique design that represent the annual JazzFest.

This design will be the 'face' of JazzFest 2025, showcased on posters, t-shirts, mugs, and other JazzFest merchandise where proceeds benefit Jazz Pensacola. **Chosen design earns \$500 award.**

**For more information go to**

**DEADLINE FOR THE CREATIVE IS  
JANUARY 1, 2025.**



# More ways you can support Jazz Pensacola!



Support Jazz Pensacola by promoting your business or service to a captive audience of music lovers and musicians.

## SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES



### \$200 MONTHLY JAZZ JAM

1st Monday of the month @ Odd Colony Brewing



- Logo on FB promotions - 4.4k followers
- Company logo & advertisement in monthly Newsletter
- Logo as 'Presenting Sponsor' on Jazz Alert - 1,150 members
- Verbal recognition at event as 'Presenting Sponsor'
- Logo & company link on Jazz Pensacola web site Sponsor page



### JAZZ IN THE QUARTER

3rd Monday of the month at Phineas Phogg's in Seville Qtr.

- Logo on FB promotions - 4.4k followers
- Company logo & advertisement in Newsletter
- Logo as 'Presenting Sponsor' on Jazz Alert - 1,150 members
- FREE admission for 4 at event
- Company display at entrance & patron swag giveaway oppty.
- 1 minute audience presentation opportunity

### \$500



NOW seeking sponsors for...

## JAZZFEST 2025

April 5 & 6

- \$5,000 Whole Note
- \$2,500 Half Note
- \$1,000 Eighth Note
- \$500 Sixteenth Note



MORE INFO:



Jazz Pensacola is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible.



## Join us to shape the future of jazz

### Open Positions:

- Secretary
- Marketing Chair
- Member at Large



**Seeking passionate leaders to join our board of directors.**

### Minimal Board Member Requirements:

- Monthly board meetings, live performance event planning, music education, marketing/promotions, fundraising, and lots of fun!
- Annual community JazzFest planning and facilitation.

Email [jazzpensacola@gmail](mailto:jazzpensacola@gmail.com) with your resume, current interest, and experience in non-profit and/or music organizations.

**Deadline for applications of interest is  
Friday, November 29, 2024.**

# WHAT'S JAZZING

by Carolyn Joyce Tokson



It's still hot out there even with cool mornings and the jazz is just as hot. Plan on being at the **Odd Colony Brewing Company for the first Monday jam session**. One never knows who is showing up and that's part of the fun. It's always a different group of jammers who join the house band.

With **Bobby van Duesen performing at the Jazz in the Quarter on the third Monday**, it will be jazz that's really entertaining. Anyone who has seen Bobby perform will guarantee that. He didn't win all those piano championships by being a quiet boring fellow. His finesse on the keyboard is always a treat, but did you know he's funny and he sings too. This multi-talented individual promises a stellar night.

For information regarding **events in Panama City, check online for the Gulf Jazz Society**. They just had their annual festival. Guess who was there... Bobby van Duesen. Monthly events are on their website.

**Foo Foo Fest** brings a grand splash of events to the autumn here in Pensacola. **Look for a list of events online. Jazz for Justice is always a good idea.**

There's another chance to see Bobby who teams up with Ellen Vinson for another night of **Jazz at Jackson's Steak House on Thursday, November 14**. That's a very elegant affair.

Another event worth marking the calendar for is the **UWF Combo and UWF Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Joseph T. Spaniola** for an evening of small and large ensemble instrumental and vocal jazz at the University of West Florida. The Combo will present works by Bacharach & David, Esperanza Spalding, Ray Noble, Lamp (Japanese pop group), Pat Metheny and more. The Jazz Ensemble will present the music of Sammy

## What's Jazzing (continued)

Nestico, Gordon Goodwin, Lennon & McCartney, Alan Baylock, Harry James and more. The performance is in the UWF Center of Fine and Performing Arts, Mainstage Theatre on **Tuesday, November 26 at 7:30 PM**. The concert is free and open to the public.

Rebecca Barry has a scholarship for a talented young trumpet player at Coastal in the spring. You might want to check out her Facebook page to contact her if you are a graduating senior. Plus you can find out where she's playing.

**Roman Street is performing December 8 at the Saenger Theater in Mobile**, tickets are available at their website.

The Pensacola News Journal ran a great story about the late "Sir" Joe Suchcicki recently. Joe was the fellow who formatted our newsletter that ran for several years. His father Mike built our former website. He was a very special person and I miss him greatly. You might look for it on the PNJ website.

If you're a blues fan, remember there is a **Blues event every Monday at Seville Quarter**. Check out Blues Society of Northwest Florida on Facebook.

Check the Jazz Pensacola website at [www.jazzpensacola.com](http://www.jazzpensacola.com) to learn about all the events. Or go to our Facebook page. Support your local musicians and the venues who hire them.

*Carolyn*





## Notable Jazz Musician November Birthdays

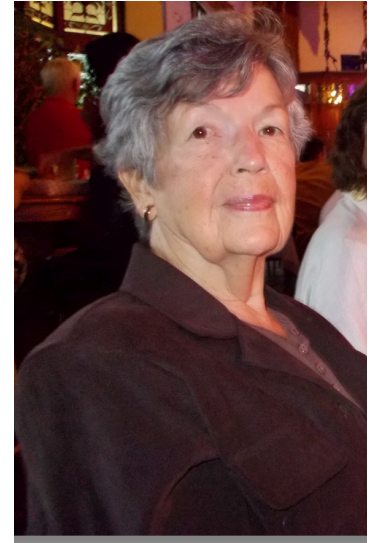
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Lee Ritenour	11/1/52
Kurt Elling	11/2/67
Jane Monheit	11/3/77
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Jeff Lorber	11/4/52
Jeremy Pelt	11/4/76
Arturo Sandoval	11/6/49
Kitty Margolis	11/7/55
Jesse Davis	11/9/65
Hubert Laws	11/10/39
Houston Person	11/10/34
Jon Batiste	11/11/86
George Cables	11/14/44
Kevin Eubanks	11/15/57
Diana Krall	11/16/64
Ben Allison	11/17/66
Cindy Blackman	11/18/59
Fred Lipsius	11/19/44
Geoff Keezer	11/20/70
Randy Brecker	11/27/45
Adam Nussbaum	11/29/55
Chuck Mangione	11/29/40
Roberta Gamborini	11/30/72



**Long live the Kings and Queens of Jazz!**

# Heartfelt Parting of Dr. Robena Lee Hillsman

Dr. Robena Lee Hillsman, 94, passed peacefully October 23, 2024, at Bradley Medical Center, Cleveland, Tennessee. She was born October 15, 1930, in Hathaway, Tennessee. Her family later moved to Ridgely, Tennessee, where she graduated from Ridgely High School in 1948 and began her teaching career.



**Dr. Robena Lee Hillsman**  
10-15-1930 - 10-23-2024

Dr. Hillsman completed a bachelor's degree at Memphis State College, earned a master's degree from UT Knoxville, and then earned her Ph.D. from Arizona State University in Tempe. She taught at Ridgely High School, Sikeston High School (Missouri), Friendsville Academy (Tennessee), Pensacola Junior College (Florida), and retired as a Professor Emeritus from Sacramento State University, Sacramento, California, in 1995.

She also served as a captain in the Civil Air Patrol while teaching in Missouri. She was an avid reader and book collector, was active in the Pensacola Jazz Society, The Daughters of the Confederacy, The Daughters of the American Revolution, and various other professional organizations.

She was preceded in death by her parents Frank and Iona Lee of Ridgely, and by her sister, Norma Roberts, of Signal Mountain, Tennessee.

She leaves 2 daughters, Lee Middleton of Tellico Plains, Tennessee, and Joan Vondras, of Chesterfield, Missouri, and 1 son, David Frank Hillsman, of Cleveland, Tennessee; 2 grandsons, Clayton (Shannon) and Austin (Lindsey) Vondras, and 2 great-granddaughters, Eleanor and Evelyn Vondras.

***Thank you for your unwavering support of Jazz Pensacola Dr. Hillsman. It was always a treat to see you with your son David at our live performance events. You will be missed.***

***Rhonda Deaton, Administrator  
Jazz Pensacola***



# JAZZ PENSACOLA

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Mon., Nov. 4**  
**6:30PM**  
**FREE**

**COMMUNITY JAZZ JAM @ ODD COLONY BREWING**  
Spirited evening of live jazz with Jazz Pensacola's Fabulous House Band and any musician or vocalist that wants to join in.

**Wed., Nov. 6**  
**2:00 - 4:00PM**  
**FREE**

**Rx: Just what the Doctor ordered @ HCA Florida West Hospital**  
8383 North Davis Highway, Pensacola  
Relaxed jazz music for patients, physicians, staff, and visitors to enjoy during the busy work day.  
*\*Made possible through a partnership with the Escambia County Medical Society and Jazz Pensacola.*

**Mon., Nov. 18**  
**6:30PM**  
**\$12 members,**  
**\$15**  
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**JAZZ IN THE QUARTER @ PHINEAS PHOGG'S IN SEVILLE QTR.**  
Featuring: **Bobby van Deusen**  
Learn more about Pensacola's Piano Man [\(here\)](#).



**NOV. 22 - 24, 2024**  
**CLEARWATER, FL**

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