

NEWSLETTER



Advancing jazz music along the gulf coast!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



The true beauty of music is that it connects people.

Roy Ayers

BY RHONDA DEATON, ADMINISTRATOR

Happy New Year Music Lovers,

I hope the holiday season brought you great joy and many happy memories of time with family and friends.

Like the holidays, music also brings joy, connecting us to family, friends, and the world! Weather it be a song, performance, or the carefully crafted note, we at Jazz Pensacola work to provide forums for musicians, listeners, and the community to connect over the joy that music brings. May you find your joy this

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Happy New Year, Rhonda Deaton, continued.

year by making true connections in music.

Although we're taking a break this month for our January Jazz in the Quarter event, there are a number of opportunities to get connected with our organization and through music:

- **Sat., Jan. 4th, Mardi Gras Twelfth Night**, downtown Pensacola
 - Tim Jackson and the strolling New Orleans Jazz style band
- **Mon., Jan. 6th Community Jazz Jam** at Odd Colony Brewing, 6:30 PM
 - All musicians, vocalists, and listeners are invited to this free event
- **Mon., Jan. 6, JazzFest Poster Art submission deadline**
 - Be the 'face' of JazzFest 2025, \$500 commission for winning art.
- **Mon., February 3rd, Community Jazz Jam** at Odd Colony, 6:30 PM
 - All musicians, vocalists, and listeners are invited to this free event
- **Mon., Feb. 17th, Jazz in the Quarter**, Seville Quarter, 6:30 PM
 - More information on performers to come
- **Mon., March 3rd, Community Jazz Jam** at Odd Colony Brewing, 6:30 PM
 - All musicians, vocalists, and listeners are invited to this free event



Volunteer Opportunities

- **Student Jazz Competition - Sat., March 22nd**
- **JazzFest 2025 - Sat/Sun, April 5 & 6**
- **Fundraising - host an event or activity**
- **Grant research and/or writing**

We value your time, talents, and energy and welcome an opportunity to connect. Email **jazzpensacola@gmail.com** to find your niche!

WHAT'S JAZZING

by Carolyn Joyce Tokson

Here we are again on another spin around! A completely new year! Best wishes for health, happiness and some jazz in your life. Are you a person who makes resolutions? Do you keep them? I have a suggestion. Try to be kind to yourself, slow down and go somewhere that has live music and just relax. Whether you celebrate the winter Solstice, Christmas, Channukah, or Kwannza, it's a special time of year to think of where you have been and where you are going...a time of reflection and joy.

Look at the Jazz Pensacola website or Facebook page to see what is on the calendar. There's always a Sunday brunch somewhere. Look on Facebook to see where your favorite group or singer is performing. Rebecca Barry and Cheryl Jones are great at posting where they're having a gig. So is Joe O. Mobile's MOJO has a Jambalaya every fourth Monday. Gulf Jazz Society posts their upcoming events. Sheila Green lets you know who is coming to It's Personal. She's starting the New Year off with the annual Red Party and will have more performances all year. Mark your calendar early for Cadillac Bank's yearly jazz event. Tickets go on sale January 3. Roman Street is performing at the Saenger here in Pensacola on February 23. Those tickets will go quickly. Look for Austin Paul, Jr. who is making music all over town is at the Apollo in NY but will be home soon. Curt Bol's band is still at the Five Sister's Blues Cafe on Sundays. Denise D'Angelo and James Burt Kimberl sometimes post where they are going to be. A little piano goes a long way to keeping the spirits up. Our Blues brothers and sisters are out performing too. Keep your eye on upcoming musical events at UWF and PSC. They have a lot of offer.

You know one of our favorite jazz vocalists, Donna Blackman. Her talented children are carrying on her tradition in New York City. Nicki Richards has a new album out. You can hear that she is Donna's daughter is her beautiful voice and phrasing. Donna has it all on Facebook. She should be a very proud mother!

What's Jazzing (continued)

Former Jazz Pensacola president, Fred Domulot is showing up all over. He was at The Burrow recently. That's in the old Sacred Heart Hospital Building on 12th where the jazz jam was a few years ago. He and the Wavy Winstons are familiar faces to jazz fans. So check it out. 1216 North is a relatively new venue that hosts different styles of music. You might want to stop in. Support those venues which offer live music. It's not easy being a musician in today's economy. Remember Seville Quarter offers all sorts of live music and has been a partner to Jazz Pensacola for many years.

So welcome 2025 with some jazz and keep in touch. Hope to see you around...let's meet at the next Jam. Come over and say "Happy New Year." Till then...

Carolyn



Coming Soon!

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FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING! 



Join us for the ultimate Sunset Cruise experience, where breathtaking views meet live music vibes! As the sun dips below the horizon, enjoy:

- Live performances from talented local artists.
- A selection of delicious hors d'oeuvres to satisfy your cravings.
- A relaxed atmosphere perfect for unwinding or celebrating with co-workers, friends, and family.

**Tickets will be limited and on sale soon at
[jazzpensacola.com!](http://jazzpensacola.com)**

Notable Jazz Musician January Birthdays



Chris Potter	1/01/71
Trombone Shorty	1/02/86
Naama Gheber	1/02/91
John McGlaughlin	1/04/42
Paul Vertigo	1/05/53
Maurice Brown	1/06/81
Dave Weckl	1/08/60
Donald Fagan	1/10/48
William Parker	1/10/52
Mike Stern	1/10/53
Lee Ritenour	1/11/52
Steve Jordan	1/14/57
Cyrus Chestnut	1/17/63
Jeff Berlin	1/17/53
Marilyn Mazur	1/18/55
Jeff 'Tain' Watts	1/20/60
Steve Gilmore	1/21/43
Gary Burton	1/23/43
Bob Mintzer	1/27/53
Marc Cary	1/29/67



JazzFest 2025

April 5 & 6

Be part of what makes Pensacola shine this spring!



Align your business with a nonprofit organization committed to connecting community through music education, facilitating social forums, and listener enjoyment. Become a **Sponsor of JazzFest 2025!**

Whole Note Premiere Sponsorship - \$5,000

Half Note Supporting Sponsorship - \$2,500

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Sixteenth Note Sponsorship - \$500

Call 850-433-8382 or email Jazz Pensacola at jazzpensacola@gmail.com today for more information on our 42nd JazzFest sponsorship levels.

Note: As a 501(c)(3) organization, your sponsorship or donations are tax deductible.

JAZZ PENSACOLA

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon., Jan. 6

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., Jan. 8

2:00 - 4:00PM

FREE

Rx: Just what the Doctor ordered @ Baptist Hospital

123 Baptist Way, 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.**

NOTE: There will be NO January Jazz in the Quarter at Phineas Phogg's in Seville Qtr..

Sat., Mar. 22

Student Jazz Competition @ UWF, 7:00 PM

The community is invited to an evening of quality entertainment from esteemed student jazz musicians and vocalists. This signature event is truly why the Jazz Society of Pensacola exists!

Mark your calendars and make an evening of to include this free event.

Your support for the students is priceless!