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"JazzFest Goes On"

The Jazz Society of Pensacola presents "JazzFest Goes On" - the semi-annual fundraiser for Pensacola JazzFest - Saturday, February 7, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Seville Quarter.

Chaired by JSOP Board Member Crystal Joy Albert, this lively event will fill three rooms at Seville with top-notch jazz entertainment. The line-up for February's "JazzFest Goes On" includes pianist Al Martin's Trio, the Mark Guest Quartet from the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and Joe Occhipinti's Big Band for listening and dancing.

The February "JazzFest Goes On" features a colorful Mardi Gras theme. As part of this there will be an **Umbrella Decorating Contest**. The Jazz Society has a supply of umbrellas suitable for decorating that can be purchased at the JSOP office for \$10.00. Patrons may also purchase their own umbrellas.

Albert urged patrons to "use their imagination" for the umbrella contest.

"In the traditional New Orleans jazz funeral, the band plays a dirge for the mourners on the way to the funeral," Albert said. "After the burial ceremony, the band strikes up a lively tune and leads the parade away from the cemetery. Joyous followers form the 'second line' and fall in behind the band dancing and waving their decorous umbrellas."

The umbrella contest will be held toward the end of "JazzFest Goes On," along with a "second line" parade.

The contestant with the most unique umbrella will win two tickets to the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra Pops concert to be held

on Saturday, February 14, featuring vocalist-bandleader Banu Gibson and her jazz ensemble.

"We hope that the umbrella contest generates considerable interest," Albert said, "and we hope to have an even bigger 'second line' parade and contest at Pensacola JazzFest."

Tickets for "JazzFest Goes On" are \$12.50 in advance, \$15.00 at the door, and \$5.00 for students. Advance tickets can be purchased through the Jazz Society office (433-8382) and through Seville Quarter (434-6211).

All proceeds from "JazzFest Goes On" go toward funding for JazzFest 2004, which takes place the weekend of April 3-4 in Seville Square in historic downtown Pensacola. Headliners for the 2004 event, which will run from noon until dark both Saturday and Sunday, are New York pianist Russell Kasso, New Orleans clarinetist Evan Christopher, New Orleans clarinetist Tim Laughlin and his trio, California stride and boogie pianist Carl Sonny Leyland and his trio, Nashville vocalist Kitt Lough and her quartet, and duo guitarists Tonic Strings from Switzerland with Mobile saxophonist Joe Lewis.

Jazz ensembles from PJC and UWF will also perform, along with other local and regional groups.

New to JazzFest for 2004 is the Children's Tent that will be located in Fountain Park. Performances at this tent will be both educational and entertaining.

For more information about JazzFest or the Jazz Society of Pensacola, call 433-8382 or go to www.jazzpensacola.com.

Be sure to put your artistic talents to the task for the "JazzFest Goes On" Umbrella Decorating Contest.

Umbrellas can be purchased from the Jazz Society for \$10.00



Guitarist Mark Guest will perform at "JazzFest Goes On"