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DIVA EXTRAVAGANZA
Saturday, February 9, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.***

“JazzFest Goes On” takes place Saturday, February 9, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Phineas Phogg’s Room at Seville Quarter.

This extra-special “JazzFest Goes On” will feature a **DIVA EXTRAVAGANZA** with vocalists Holly Shelton, Kathy Lyon, Saundra Daggs and Josephine Mayo, all backed by Joe Occhipinti’s Big Band. Most will be familiar with these popular vocalists except, perhaps, Josephine Mayo. Ms. Mayo was a featured vocalist in the UWF Production of “Ain’t Misbehavin’” a few years back. Some may have attended that performance or a special event for JSOP that featured the stars of that show about Fats Waller’s life and friends. Ms. Mayo has also appeared in local productions of “South Pacific,” “The Wiz” and “Jesus Christ Superstar.”

Admission to “JazzFest Goes On” is \$20.00 per person in advance and \$25.00 per person at the door. Admission for Students with ID is \$5.00 at the door. Advance tickets are available at JSOP events, Seville Quarter, Reynolds Music and Dollarhide’s Music and Sound, as well as the JSOP office. The JSOP office can take your Visa, MasterCard or American Express card at 433-8382. JSOP office hours are 9:00 a.m. to noon weekdays.



(L-R) Vocalist Kathy Lyon, bassist Pat Cooke, Saxophonist Joe Occhipinti and vocalist/MC Paul Bruketa entertained at the December Jingle Jazz.

JazzFest Donations Needed - It’s not an easy job for the Jazz Society to present a free festival as our annual gift to the community. There is a lot of hard work involved in planning events and executing them. Our two “JazzFest Goes On” fundraisers raise some dollars toward JazzFest. Please plan to attend and bring friends. It’s a fun way to enjoy jazz and help JazzFest.

We would like you to consider Patron, Benefactor or Sponsor membership (\$250-\$500-\$1000 respectively) in the Jazz Society. These memberships include donations to the Society and passes to the JazzFest VIP tent. You might also consider an outright donation to the Jazz Society, designating to benefit JazzFest. Making a donation of \$100 or more entitles one to two VIP JazzFest badges and admission to the VIP tent.

Best Live Jazz

By Roger Villines

Where do you find the best live jazz in Pensacola? Well, according to the November 13 issue of the Pensacola News Journal Best-of-the-Bay series, our very own JSOP Jazz Gumbo was unanimously chosen as the editor’s choice for their Best Jazz Music award. They also commended Jazz Jam at eat! and of course, JSOP’s big gift to the community, the Annual Pensacola JazzFest. What great news! But then, we knew all along that the best live jazz in Pensacola happens in the events produced by the Jazz Society of Pensacola.

Jazz Gumbos in 2007 featured pianist Robert Norman from Fairhope, AL, bassist Steve Gilmore from Panama City, drummer Steve Ferry, yours truly trumpeter Roger Villines and his “Trumpets in Time” show, cornetist Charlie Cetti and his Dixieland band, the PJC and UWF Jazz Ensembles, singer Holly Shelton and the Guffman Trio, trumpeter Paul Bruketa, pianist Al Martin, guitarist Jim Armstrong, drummer Ted Johnson, saxophonist Randy Sherwood, saxophonist Bob Maksymkow, pianist Joey Allred, bassist Tim Jackson, drummer George Neidorf, drummer Larry Wojcik, a special New Orleans group with John Royen on piano, Charles Fardella on trumpet, and Tim Laughlin on clarinet, trombonist Don Lewis, drummer Steve Maniscola, pianist/vocalist Clarence Bell, bassist Alonza Massie, and the Jim Andrews band. In other words, the best live jazz in Pensacola.

And there’s more. Did I mention our 2007 “JazzFest Goes On” events? In February 2007, Holly Shelton, Kitt Lough and Saundra Daggs wowed the crowd in our “best of the best” vocalist show backed by the Joe Occhipinti Big Band. Vocalist Kathy Lyon plus Dixieland and big bands kicked off Rosie O’Grady’s 40th Birthday Celebration with the August 4 “JazzFest Goes On.” Did I mention the June and Labor Day picnics with a host of performers? What about our new event, Jazz Jam at eat!, where house band Roger Villines plus pianist Joey Allred, bassist Ken Chopcinski and drummer Larry Wojcik are joined by 10 or so jammers at each first Monday of the month event. And last, but certainly not least, the 24th Annual Pensacola JazzFest presented a sterling lineup of performers highlighted by New York pianist John Colianni, Australian bassist Nicki Parrott, popular vocalist Kevin Mahogany and guitar legend Bucky Pizzarelli.

So there you have it, JSOP definitely offers the Best Live Jazz in Pensacola, and you can be part of the fun. See you at the next Jazz Gumbo and Jazz Jam@eat! and have a Happy Jazzy New Year!



(L-R) Bobby Van Deusen, Rudy Pendleton, Greg Brown and Roger Villines perform at a recent Jazz Jam at eat! Restaurant.



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25TH ANNUAL JazzFest 2008

PENSACOLA JAZZFEST 2008 HEADLINERS

The 25th Annual Pensacola JazzFest scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 5–6, 2008, will feature:

Butch Thompson's Big Three. Thompson, an acclaimed pianist and Jelly Roll Morton scholar heard regularly as part of the Prairie Home Companion broadcasts, will be joined by vocalist/banjoist Jimmy Mazzy of Boston and trumpeter Duke Heitger of New Orleans. This trio has recorded and toured nationally and internationally. From Scott Joplin's "Maple Leaf Rag" to W. C. Handy's "St. Louis Blues" and Fats Waller's "Ain't Misbehavin'," this unique jazz trio led by pianist Butch Thompson plays an exciting program of American classics—jazz from the beginning. Trumpeter Duke Heitger and banjoist/vocalist Jimmy Mazzy join Butch in a show that ranges from Dixieland to lowdown blues—or as New Orleans pianist Jelly Roll Morton put it, "everything from blues to opera."



Butch Thompson's Big Three



Shelly Berg

Shelly Berg Trio. Shelly Berg is an accomplished pianist who plays jazz styles from ragtime to modern. He is frequently requested as accompanist for Monica Mancini, Patti Austin and other vocalists and jazz legends including trombonist Bill Watrous. He was previously Professor of Jazz Studies at University of Southern California Thornton School of Music. In April 2007, he was named Dean of the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami. Berg has served previously as President of the International Association for Jazz Education (IAJE).

The **Jazz Guardians**, an 18-member big band stationed at Army Ft. McPherson, GA, can perform in the style of big bands of yesteryear paying tribute to Duke Ellington, Woody Herman and Count Basie as well as contemporary big band jazz.



Jazz Guardians



Dayve Stewart

Saxophonist **Dayve Stewart.** Known as "Soul Man," Dayve will entertain with the smooth sounds of contemporary jazz. He has a Caribbean background with a Cuban mother and Jamaican father. At the young age of 12, he performed with trumpeter Sonny LaRosa's "Youngest Jazz Band." Stewart's latest CD is entitled "Feel Me." Stewart attended FSU with a major in Commercial Music and a minor in Business and is now touring worldwide.

Pensacola's clarinetist/saxophonist **Bob Maksymkow.** Bob will perform with backing from the Shelly Berg Trio. As a teenager, he took clarinet lessons at Juilliard School of Music from Augustin Duques, who was also musical coach for Benny Goodman. Bob has degrees from Juilliard and the University of West Florida (UWF) and is a member of UWF's adjunct music faculty.

Headliners above will perform both days at the Pensacola JazzFest. Additionally, the winner of the **UWF/Phillips Jazz Piano Competition** will perform on Sunday. JazzFest pianists Butch Thompson and Shelly Berg will be judges for the UWF/Phillips Jazz Piano Competition held at the UWF Theater Main Stage on Saturday night.

The festival's Youth Stage will feature local area middle school and high school jazz bands on both days. One high school jazz band and one middle school jazz band, yet to be named, will also perform on the main JazzFest stage.



Bob Maksymkow

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Ed Polcer and his New York Swing Street All-Stars will perform at the Black Angus Restaurant in Panama City on Jan. 16, 2008 (7:00-9:30 p.m.).
Details: 850-784-2106 or 850-235-1659.

New Members

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Upcoming Events

- **First Monday Jazz Jam** - January 7 at eat! Restaurant 287 N. Palafox (Corner Wright & Palafox Streets). Begins at 7:00 p.m. Minimum donation \$5.00/person (new admissions policy). Performing musicians free - bring your axe and sign in to jam. Complimentary appetizers and bar service.
- **Jazz Gumbo** - Monday, Jan 21 at 6:00 p.m. Special celebration of Martha McDowell-Flemming's birthday. Cost is \$7.00 for JSOP members; \$10.00 public; students \$5.00; free for military in uniform. Admission includes a cup of seafood gumbo. One may also order from the menu. The "Friends of Martha Jazz Band" will include trumpeter/flugelhornist Roger Villines, trombonist Don Lewis, saxophonist/clarinetist Bob Maksymkow, accordionist Bob Mattus, guitarist Jim Armstrong, bassist Tim Jackson, and drummer Larry Wojcik. Virtuoso accordionist and member of the Northwest Florida Accordion Association, Walter Kasprzyk, will perform some special tunes during the break. Plus there will be some birthday cake and maybe surprise musical guests.
- **First Monday Jazz Jam** - February 4 at eat! Restaurant. Details as above.
- **Jazz Gumbo** - Monday, February 18, featuring Roger Villines "Trumpets in Time V." This is a popular feature with the group performing tunes done by famous trumpeters. Roger has been known to perform Clark Terry's two-handed trumpet/flugelhorn performance - always a big hit. Brought back by popular demand! Costs and times as above.