



San Luis Obispo County Jazz Federation NEWSLETTER

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PIANO SHOWCASE SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH

The SLO County Jazz Federation is proud to present its 25th annual (wow!) Piano Showcase. This “Jazz Piano Extravaganza” is scheduled for Sunday, April 27th, at the Unity Concert Hall, 1490 Southwood (at the corner of Johnson Ave.) in San Luis Obispo. The show will begin at 7:00 pm.

At press time we have seven confirmed pianists with several other possible players yet to be heard from. Along with newcomer **Steve Carlton** will be Showcase veterans **Larry Arone, Jim Barnett, Bob Harway, Rod Keif, Paul Rinzler** and **Gary Ryan**. **Ken Hustad** and **Darrell Voss** will once again provide their stellar rhythm section support.

Tickets (at the door) are \$12 for Jazz Fed members, \$15 for the general public, and a very special student price of just \$5. As always, the proceeds benefit our Scholarship Program, and it should be noted that the pianists donate their time and incredible talents for this very special event.

Mark your calendars to be sure you don't miss this great event. And, bring a friend!

YOUNG JAZZ CONCERT SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH

The San Luis Obispo County Jazz Federation will be presenting its annual Young Jazz Scholarship Concert on Saturday April 12th, at 1:00 PM. The concert will take place at Cuesta College, room 7160 (the Band Room).

The Jazz Fed will be awarding six scholarships: Five \$200 scholarships and one \$500 scholarship. The chosen mix is two students from Cal Poly, two students from Cuesta College and two students of high school age or younger. The \$500 **Matt Taylor** Scholarship is sponsored by **George Taylor** in the name of his late son who was a well-known and well-respected local musician.

At the concert, each of these outstanding young players will be performing a solo piece accompanied by a group of local professional musicians. Every year concert attendees are overwhelmed by the abundant talent of these young musicians.

As a special feature, this year's concert is being filmed for later broadcast on “Your Jazz Show,” a TV program sponsored by the SLO County Jazz Federation and shown three times weekly on public access television.

This is an all-ages concert. Tickets are available at the door for a \$5 donation.

YOUR JAZZ SHOW

The SLO Jazz Federation continues to sponsor the Your Jazz television show, a series of half-hour programs on public access television, hosted by **Dave Becker**. The program features performances by local jazz musicians. It airs on Charter Communications Channel 2 three times a week: Mondays at 2:30 pm, Thursdays at 9:00 am, and Saturdays at 8:30 pm. The same program is repeated at each of the show times, and a new program is introduced to the mix approximately once a month.

The next show to air will be the Luis Munoz Ensemble featuring Costa Rican folk music in a Latin jazz setting. Shows to follow are Jeff Miley's fusion trio “Altered,” The Young Jazz Artist Scholarship Winners, Inga Swearingen and Bill Peterson-Part II, and the Marty Wright Jazzumentary.

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**25th Annual
Piano Showcase**
Sunday, April 27th
7:00 pm at Unity Church

YOUR JAZZ FED BOARD

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**MEMBERS are always welcome to our monthly Board Meetings.
And, there are openings on the board. Come on along and join the fun!**

Our next board meeting will be on Monday, April 14th at 7:00 pm.

Call Paul at **489-5251** for directions.

JAZZ IS HAPPENING ON KCBX

Tune your radio dial to: FM 90.1 San Luis Obispo/Santa Maria
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- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday mornings from 9:00 am to noon (11:00 am on Fridays) is Morning Cup of Jazz with host Neal Losey.
- Wednesday evening from 10:00 pm to 1:00 am is The Cutting Edge with host Ron Eminheizer.
- Thursday evening from 10:00 pm to 1:00 am is Jazz Liner Notes with host Fred Friedman (yes, our VP!).
- Friday morning from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm is the renowned Marian McPartland's Piano Jazz.
- Friday evening from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm - Club MacKenzie with host Guy Rathbun;
8:00 pm to 9:00 pm - Swing Cats' Ball with host Jim Borland (yes, Yer Ed);
9:00 pm to 10:00 pm - Rhythm Retrospective with host Marc Caparone.
- Saturday from noon to 2:00 pm is Freedom Jazz Dance with host Rick Matthews.
- Monday through Saturday nights starting at 1:00 am - Jazzworks early morning all night jazz.

YOUR JAZZ SHOW (CONTINUED)

Program host Dave Becker welcomes comments, feedback and suggestions about the show, and can be contacted by email at: dbecker@cuesta.edu.

PABLO MENENDEZ CONCERT

A concert featuring the great Cuban jazz guitarist Pablo Menéndez will be presented on Sunday, April 13th at 7:00 pm at the Cuesta College Student Center in SLO. This will be Menéndez's first concert appearance on the Central Coast, although he has lectured here the past two years on his life as an American musician living in Cuba. He is the only musician from the US to be living and working in Cuba, and he has played an active role in the Cuban music scene for over 40 years.

For this concert his band will include local jazz stalwarts **Bob Harway** (piano), **Dylan Johnson** (bass), **Jim Stromberg** (drums), **Dave Solis** (percussion), and **Ron McCarley** (sax/flute). Also featured will be a special guest appearance by Pablo's mother, blues legend **Barbara Dane**. Tickets are \$15.00, \$12.00 for Jazz Federation members, and \$7.00 for students, and are available at Boo Boo Records or at the door.

Our Website
www.slojazz.org

LOOKING AT JAZZ

A viewing and discussion program, "Looking At Jazz," will examine jazz as an art form including its history and major figures in a variety of sub-genres. The class meets on Tuesday nights, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, from April 8 to May 13, at the Community Room of the San Luis Obispo City-County Library, 995 Palm Street in SLO, and is taught by **Fred Friedman**, a former Cal Poly professor and currently the host of KCBX's "Jazz Liner Notes" program. Pre-registration is requested. Information at: 781-5783.

LINNAEA'S JAZZ JAMS

This year the Jazz Fed is once again co-sponsoring a series of jazz jams that take place at Linnaea's Cafe, 1110 Garden Street in downtown SLO, 8:00 to 10:00 pm on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. The jam session schedule aligns with the school year and starts up in October, runs through November, and then resumes in January and continues until the end of May, then breaks for the summer.

The sessions are open to any musician, and there will be a house

A huge thank you goes out to **Sandy Halvorson** and **Patrice Wyse** for processing our 2008 renewals and sending out membership cards.

rhythm section of drums, guitar, and bass backing up the players. This is an opportunity to practice your jazz skills through the classic jam session that helped create so many great jazz artists.

This jam series has been operating for several years now and many local jazz students and others in the community have taken advantage of this opportunity to hone their craft. We invite all jazz musicians who wish to play with others in a friendly atmosphere to take advantage of these jam sessions.



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GREAT JAZZ IS HAPPENING IN SLO COUNTY

If you know about any additional jazz events that should be added to this list, or have corrections, please phone your editor at 544-6418, or by email at: jborland@calpoly.edu. Thanks for your help!

This information is accurate to the best of our knowledge, but call first to be sure the booking hasn't changed.

Regular Gigs -

Mother's Tavern, 725 Higuera in SLO (541-8733), hosts Big Band Sundays from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Swing dance to the music of the Rose Garden Dance Band, the Royal Garden Swing Orchestra, Viper Six or the Sugar Daddy Swing Kings. No cover.

Sea Venture Restaurant (773-3463), Pismo Beach. Live acoustic jazz every Wednesday with the Mike Raynor Trio (including rotating guest artists), 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

Linnaea's Cafe, 1110 Garden Street in downtown SLO (541-5888), Cuesta College jazz night every Tuesday from 8 to 10 pm.

Courtyard By Marriott (786-4200), 1605 Calle Joaquin, SLO (off Los Osos Valley Rd.), Dave Becker Trio, every Wednesday from 6 to 9 pm.

Inn at Morro Bay (772-5651). Live Jazz every Friday and Saturday night, 7:30 - 10:30 pm. On Fridays it's often Mike Raynor's "City Nights Jazz" (www.citynightsjazz.com).

Madonna Inn Steak House (543-3000), San Luis Obispo. Swing dancing Tuesday through Saturday evenings. Usually 7:30 to 11:00 pm, but call for times and specifics.

Singular Events

Thursday, April 10th - Open jazz jam session at Linnaea's (sponsored by the SLO Jazz Fed), 1110 Garden Street in downtown SLO. 8:00 to 10:00 pm.

Saturday, April 12th - SLO Jazz Federation's Young Jazz Concert, a presentation of the scholarship winners in their annual youth scholarship competition. The concert will take place at Cuesta College, room 7160 (the Band Room), and will be videotaped for future airing on the Your Jazz TV show. 1:00 pm.

Saturday, April 12th - Pat Cormick Group at SLO Down Pub (473-0102), 1200 E. Grand Ave, Arroyo Grande, 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

Sunday, April 13th - Cuban Jazz guitarist Pablo Menéndez, an American musician living in Cuba, presents a "funky Yoruba, Afro-Cuban, salsa, bebop fusion" concert at the Cuesta College Student Center, accompanied by five of our local jazz stalwarts. 7:00 pm.

Sunday, April 13th - While on a west coast

tour, N.Y.C vibraphone star Mark Sherman shares the stage with Charlie Shoemake. A fun day with Luther Hughes and Paul Kreibich accompanying. At the Hamlet in Cambria, 4:00 pm and 7:15 pm. Call 927-0567 for reservations.

Tuesday, April 15th - Bobby McFerrin, Chick Corea, and Jack DeJohnette appearing together at UCSB Arts and Lectures Series (805-893-3535), UC Santa Barbara, 8:00 pm.

Friday, April 18th - Pat Cormick Group at The Porch (438-3376), 22322 El Camino Real, Santa Margarita, 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

Thursday, April 24th - Open jazz jam session at Linnaea's (sponsored by the SLO Jazz Fed), 1110 Garden Street in downtown SLO. 8:00 to 10:00 pm.

Saturday, April 26th - Atascadero Community Band performing an all-jazz concert at the Atascadero Bible Church, 1:00 pm. Free admission.

Saturday, April 26th - Pat Cormick Group at It's A Grind Coffee Shop (269-0230), 1506 Froom Ranch Way, SLO, 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

Sunday, April 27th - SLO Jazz Federation's 25th annual Piano Showcase (wow!) at the Unity Concert Hall, 1490 Southwood (at the corner of Johnson Ave.) in SLO, 7:00 pm.

Sunday, April 27th - Black Tuesday Jazz Band from Sacramento, and the Cal Poly #2 Big Band, will perform at the Pismo Beach Basin Street Regulars jazz club's monthly Sunday session at the Pismo Beach Vet's Hall. Open to the public, \$10 admission, 1:00 to 4:30 pm.

Sunday, April 27th - Drummer Winard Harper has a very exciting 6 piece band (somewhat in the style of Art Blakey's Jazz Messenger groups) that will make their first appearance at the series. At the Hamlet in Cambria, 4:00 pm and 7:15 pm. Call 927-0567 for reservations.

Saturday, May 3rd - Swing dance featuring authentic big-band classics played by the Cal Poly University Jazz Band in Chumash Auditorium, on campus in the University Union, 8:00 to 10:30 pm. Open to the public, \$10 admission. Free swing dance lessons at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, May 4th - College Jazz Day performance (Cuesta & Cal Poly). All proceeds go to the college music departments. At the Hamlet in Cambria, matinee at 4:00 only. Call 927-0567.

Thursday, May 8th - Open jazz jam session at Linnaea's (sponsored by the SLO Jazz Fed), 1110 Garden Street in downtown SLO. 8:00 to 10:00 pm.

Monday, May 12th - Cuesta College Evening Jazz Ensemble (big band) in concert at Cuesta College, 7:30 pm. Call 546-3195 for reservations.

Friday, May 16th - Cuesta College Jazz Ensemble concert in the Student Conference Center, 7:30 pm. Call 546-3195 for reservations.

Thursday, May 22nd - Open jazz jam session at Linnaea's (sponsored by the SLO Jazz Fed), 1110 Garden Street in downtown SLO. 8:00 to 10:00 pm.

Friday, May 30th - Cal Poly's University Jazz Bands #1 and #2 present their "Jazz Night" Concert in Cohan Center at the PAC (756-2787), 8:00 pm.

Sunday, June 1st - Charles Lloyd at The Lobero Theatre (805-963-0761), downtown Santa Barbara, 8:00 pm.

Sunday, June 8th - Cal Poly's Jazz Big Band #1, and an opening jazz combo, at the Arroyo Grande Village Summer Concert Series (at the Rotary Bandstand), free admission, 1:00 pm.

Sunday, June 22nd - Cuesta College's jazz vocal group VOCE, and the Cuesta Chamber Singers, at the Arroyo Grande Village Summer Concert Series (at the Rotary Bandstand), free admission, 1:00 pm.

Friday, June 27th - Que Cosa Latin band (Larry Arone & Maite Garcia) at SLO's Concerts in the Plaza (at the Mission), free admission, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm.

Sunday, June 29th - The Usonia Jazz Band with John Reynolds, and the Mud Skippers Jazz Band, will perform at the Pismo Beach Basin Street Regulars jazz club's monthly Sunday session at the Pismo Beach Vet's Hall. Open to the public, \$10 admission, 1:00 to 4:30 pm.

Friday, July 4th - Sugar Daddy Swing Kings at SLO's Concerts in the Plaza (at the Mission), free admission, 2:00 pm (note exception to the usual time).



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Jazz lovers throughout the Central Coast of California have joined together in an organization called the SLO Jazz Federation, founded in 1983.

The Fed's purpose is to support and encourage the performance and appreciation of jazz, both professionally and educationally. This is done by sponsoring live jazz performances and jam sessions, and by giving scholarships and grants to young, talented, central coast musicians who have a special interest in jazz.

The Jazz Fed's membership consists of dedicated jazz fans of all ages, and represents a cross-section of our community including business and professional people, local jazz musicians, educators, students and regular listeners. We share a common concern to help jazz, America's great original art form, thrive right here in San Luis Obispo County.

Annual Membership Dues

\$20.00 per year for general members, \$15.00 for students and seniors

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Your membership entitles you to discount prices on CDs and tapes at Boo Boo Records, reduced prices at selected jazz concerts, and our newsletter. If you love jazz, but haven't yet joined the Fed, sign up now to help advance the growth of jazz on the Central Coast.