



The name says it all...

Just Jazz

March 2010

Hi Friends –

For more than five decades pianist [Morris Nanton](#) performed in clubs, lounges, and restaurants throughout his native New Jersey.

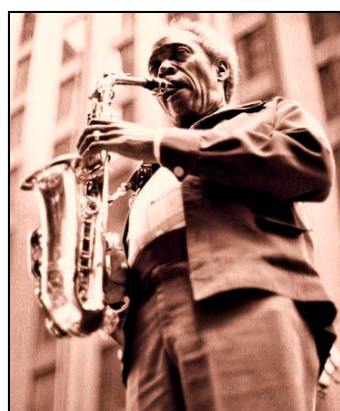
For twenty-two of those years, the Morris Nanton Trio held forth at the Cove in Roselle, where I had the pleasure of hearing them frequently during the mid 1970s. In recent years they appeared regularly at Shanghai Blue in Madison, and Nanton often played solo piano at the Quay in Sea Bright, where he gave his final performance on September 27, 2009, one day before his eightieth birthday. On November 15, Morris Nanton died at his home in Perth Amboy.

Last month I recorded a conversation with Nanton's longtime bassist, [Norman Edge](#). He spoke extensively about the fifty-three years he spent working alongside this New Jersey jazz legend – and his great friend – and we listened to many rare Morris Nanton recordings, some of which have never been heard publically.

I'll be airing my interview with Norman Edge in two parts, during the [March 14 and 21](#) editions of *Just Jazz*, starting at [11:00 p.m.](#) I'm sure you'll enjoy it as much as I enjoyed doing it.

Stay cool and keep list'nin',
Bob

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Just Jazz Artist of the Month saxophonist Sonny Stitt

Just Jazz Presents... Features

- 3/7: Trombone Hour
 - 3/14: Latin Jazz Hour
 - *[Norman Edge Interview, part. 1](#)
 - 3/21: Big Band Hour
 - *[Norman Edge Interview, part. 2](#)
 - 3/28: The Singers Hour
 - *11:00-midnight
- "Just Jazz Presents..." is heard Sundays, midnight-1:00 a.m. during Just Jazz @ [wnti.org](#)**

Just Jazz Presents with Bob Bernotas

- 3/6 & 3/9 : singer Billy Eckstine
 - 3/13 & 3/16: composer-arranger Chico O'Farrill
 - 3/20 & 3/23: trombonist Bill Harris
 - 3/27 & 3/30: trumpeter Clifford Brown
- Saturdays 9:00-10:00 a.m. & p.m. Tuesdays 11:00 p.m. –midnight @ [Pure Jazz Radio](#)**

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

The music business is a cruel and shallow money trench, a long plastic hallway where thieves and pimps run free, and good men die like dogs. There's also a negative side.

— **Hunter S. Thompson**

It's always nice to visit L.A. — the home of absolutely nothing. Except, of course, the music business, in which you are only as good as your last two minutes and forty-five seconds.

— **Bette Midler**

Recommended Internet Jazz Radio

[Pure Jazz Radio](#): a 24-7-365 celebration of jazz, featuring the "Founding Fathers," the current "Keepers of the Flame," and everyone in between.

[groovebone.org](#): All jazz trombone, all the time, produced and programmed by trombonist Dave Dickey. *Free CD contests and great T-shirts, too!*

[Jazz Spotlight on Sinatra](#): Nancy Barell presents Sinatra's music through the decades, as well as jazz instrumentalists and singers who recorded songs Sinatra performed, plus other great standards.

[wemu.org](#): Jazz and blues from Eastern Michigan University. Linda Yohn starts your day with three and a half hours of great music every Mon.-Fri., 9:00-12:30 (Eastern Time).

NEW & RECOMMENDED CDS

Sheryl Bailey: A New Promise (MCG Jazz): Until now, guitarist Sheryl Bailey has recorded exclusively in a combo format, so her new release, backed by Pittsburgh's Three Rivers Jazz Orchestra, is both a refreshing change and a real breakthrough. A gifted, accomplished improviser, Bailey enlivens two standards, presents three fine originals, and fondly interprets three compositions by the late guitarist Emily Remler, to whom this CD is dedicated.

The Diva Jazz Trio: Never Never Land (Arbors Records): The rhythm section of the Diva Jazz Orchestra — drummer Sherrie Maricle, pianist Tomoko Ohno, and bassist Noriko Ueda — stands on its own as a cohesive jazz trio. The many highlights of their debut CD include Ueda's clean, strong tone on "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face," Maricle's intense, varied rhythms on "Love for Sale," and Ohno's relentless, two-handed swing on "If I Only Had a Brain."

Flip Philip & Ed Partyka Dectet: Hair of the Dog (ATS Records): This ten-member, Vienna-based ensemble performs the exciting, edgy compositions of its co-leaders, Austrian vibraphonist Flip Philipp and American-expatriate bass trombonist Ed Partyka. Their music may not be for "everyone" — but it's for *anyone* who enjoys being challenged and stimulated by the minds and souls of creative writers and bold improvisors.

Rufus Reid: Out Front (Motema): One of the most respected bassists of our time, Rufus Reid thrives in this brilliant trio showcase. Reid's compositions — notably the monumental "Glory" and "Caress the Thought," an extended jazz suite for three instruments — are impressive, and his virtuoso rendering of Tadd Dameron's "If You Could See Me Now" is spellbinding. This is an essential jazz bass recording.

AREA JAZZ EVENTS

Sat., March 6, 8:00: singer Cassandra Wilson with special guest bassist-singer Esperanza Spalding
[NJ PAC](#), One Center Street, Newark, NJ; Prudential Hall
Tickets: from \$21 to \$82; 888-GO-NJPAC

Wed., March 10, 8:00: Jazz Masters Series saxophonist-clarinetist Anat Cohen
Lafayette College, Williams Center for the Arts, Easton, PA
\$18; 610-330-5009

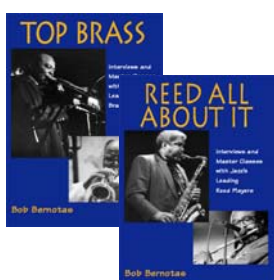
Tues., March 23, 7:30: The Seton Hall University Jazz Ensemble:
The music of Ellington, Monk, Adderley, and other jazz greats played by musicians from the Seton Hall faculty, plus guest artists. **FREE!**
[SOPAC](#), One SOPAC Way, South Orange, NJ; 973-313-ARTS

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LOCAL JAZZ VENUES

Café Baci (@ Mama's Restaurant) 260 Mountain Ave., Hackettstown, NJ; Jazz: 3rd Fri. of the month, 7:00-10:00. 908-852-2820
Mama's Restaurant/Café Baci is an underwriter of WNTI and Just Jazz.

The Deer Head Inn Main St./PA Rt. 611, Delaware Water Gap, PA
Jazz: Thurs., 8:00-11:00
Fri. & Sat., 7:00-11:00
Sun. 5:00-8:00. 570-424-2000

Shanghai Jazz Restaurant & Bar
24 Main St., Madison, NJ
Jazz: Tues.-Sun. 973-822-2899

ATTENTION LOCAL JAZZ ARTISTS!

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