



The name says it all...

Just Jazz

August 2012

Hi Friends —

Impeccably dressed in the inevitable tuxedo, more often seated at the piano than posed at the mic, **Buddy Greco** is in equal parts charming and cocky. But that cockiness is the key to his charm. Other singers may plead, "Love me." Buddy proclaims, "Dig me. (Or don't. Your loss.)" Some performers have tried to copy his act, but none could copy his cool. Why? Because Buddy's cool is no act.

Yeah, he's as hip as his *paisan*, Ol' Blue Eyes, but it's his own special brand of devil-may-care hipness. Who else would be so audacious as to release an album with an inside-joke title tweaking Sinatra's classic *Songs for Swingin' Lovers* — Buddy's *Songs for Swingin' Losers*? And man, does he swing!

Then there are those brash and, frankly, wacky new lyrics that Buddy inserted into his version — the *hit* version — of [\[click here\]](#) "**The Lady Is a Tramp**": "*She's not so hot, but her shape is her own*" and "*I crave affection, baby, but not when I drive*" and so on. That's why our Buddy is a champ.

And Buddy's musicianship is indisputable. Benny Goodman recognized that in 1949 when he hired the twenty-three year old kid as his pianist *and* arranger. Think about it: how many top popular singers could have made a (far less lucrative, admittedly) living as a jazz instrumentalist? It's a very short list. Nat King Cole, of course. Ray Charles, obviously. And Buddy Greco. And not even Nat Cole walked the line between jazz and pop more deftly than my **August Just Jazz Artist of the Month, Buddy Greco**.

Stay cool and keep list'nin',
Bob

Starting August 5 I'll be hosting *The Sinatra Hour* every Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to noon, on 91.9 WNTI [\[radio only, no Internet\]](#)

Just Jazz is heard every Sunday from 10:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. Eastern Time (US) over 91.9 WNTI-FM and streams live at [wnti.org](#). *Just Jazz Presents with Bob Bernotas* is heard every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. & 9:00 p.m., Tuesday at 11:00 p.m., and Wednesday at 3:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time (US) on the Internet at [Pure Jazz Radio](#).



Just Jazz Artist of the Month singer-pianist Buddy Greco

Just Jazz Presents... Features

Counting Down The 100 Most Recorded Jazz Standards:

- 8/5: Songs # 40-31
- 8/12: Songs # 30-21
- 8/19: Songs # 20-11
- 8/26: "The Best of the Rest"

"Just Jazz Presents..." is heard Sundays, midnight-1:00a.m. during *Just Jazz* @ [wnti.org](#)

Just Jazz Presents with Bob Bernotas

- 8/4, 7 & 8: Ray Charles
- 8/11, 14 & 15: Bud Powell
- 8/18, 21 & 22: Quincy Jones
- 8/25, 28 & 29: Art Farmer

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.
Tuesdays 11:00 p.m.
Wednesdays 3:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
@ [Pure Jazz Radio](#)

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

What I'm trying to say is that when you're sad, there's a song that does your crying for you and when the tension of daily life kind of ties knots in your spirit why, a song can be a tranquilize — your quiet pill. Yes sir, bless the musician because without him a great darkness would come over the land. Our emotions would fold their tents and silently steal away.

— Frank Sinatra

DON'T MISS WNTI'S GREAT SUNDAY LINE-UP

10:00-11:00: On the Dance Floor: [The Golden Gup & Lulu](#) spotlight the golden age of the big bands and the great popular singers

11:00-noon: [The Sinatra Hour](#) with *new* host, [Bob Bernotas](#) [\[heard on radio only\]](#)

noon-2:00: [The Happy Foot Request Party](#): Gup and Lulu return to play swing, jump, jive, rhythm & blues, and rock & roll from the '40s to the '60s

2:00-4:00: [Uncle Pete's Blues Party](#), hosted by [Peter Hoff](#) It's one swingin' six-hour party, **Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time (US), on 91.9 WNTI & [wnti.org](#)**

NEW & RECOMMENDED CDS

[Roni Ben-Hur & Santi Debriano: *Our Thing* \(Motéma\)](#): Previous collaborations with guitarist Gene Bertoncini and bassist Nilson Matta have shown guitarist Roni Ben-Hur to be a resourceful and sensitive musical partner. On this new outing he is joined by another gifted colleague, bassist Santi Debriano, for a delightful program of largely Brazilian-infused jazz. The brilliant drummer Duduka Da Fonseca rounds out the stellar trio.

[Duduka Da Fonseca: *Samba Jazz — Jazz Samba* \(Anzic\)](#): No matter which way you say it, "Samba Jazz" or "Jazz Samba," no one does it better than drummer Duduka Da Fonseca. Whether playing the music of Ornette Coleman and Jimmy Rowles or Dom Salvador and Toninho Horta, Da Fonseca, saxophonist-clarinetist Anat Cohen, pianist Helio Alves, guitarist Guilherme Monteiro, and bassist Leonardo Cioglia erase all labels but one: "great music."

[Roberta Piket: *Solo* \(Thirteenth Note\)](#): The best musicians like challenges, need challenges, look for challenges, and so, pianist Roberta Piket has taken on the special challenge of a full-length solo album. At times impressionistic, at other times intense, her treatments of songs by Monk, Strayhorn, Shorter, Corea, and more — including a charming piece composed by her father, Frederick Piket — reveal another dimension of her already formidable artistry.

[Andrew Swift: *Sift Kick* \(D Clef\)](#): This strong debut release by drummer Andrew Swift — Australian native, NYC resident — offers a broad and engaging range of colors and moods. Swift's versatility is enhanced by a talented cast of players, including trumpeter Ryan Kisor, trombonists Michael Dease and Wycliffe Gordon, saxophonists Eric Alexander and Sharel Cassity, pianist George Cables, and guitarist Yotam, plus two vocals by Vanessa Perea.

UPCOMING JAZZ EVENTS

Fri.-Sun., August 10-12: [The 17th Annual Litchfield Jazz Festival](#), Goshen Fairgrounds, Goshen, CT

Performers include [Ambrose Akinmusire](#), Salute to George Coleman with [Gary Smulyan & Eric Alexander](#), Dirty Dozen Brass Band, The Four Freshmen, Vince Giordano & the Nighthawks, Benny Green, Hubert Laws, Grégoire Maret, Donny McCaslin, Sojourner Truth Project with [Avery Sharpe](#), [Dave Stryker & Kevin Mahogany's Kansas City Swing](#), [Helen Sung](#), [Miguel Zenon](#)

The weekend also includes fine art and handmade crafts, great food, student performances, and jazz and movement workshops for the youngest set. Click [here](#) for tickets, schedule, directions. Or call 860-361-6285.

Sat, August 18, noon-10:00: [Morristown Jazz & Blues Festival](#), Morristown Green, Morristown, NJ **FREE!**

[Jazz Chicks Quartet](#), [Rusty Paul Group](#), [Rob Paparozzi & the Hudson River Rats](#), [Gerry Vezza w/Grover Kemble](#), [Robben Ford](#)

[The 9th Annual Wall Street Jazz Festival](#), Kingston, NY

Fri., August 31, 8:00, at BackStage Productions

The Art of the Duo: mixed duos with trumpeter [Ingrid Jensen](#), trombonist-singer [Natalie Cressman](#), pianist-singer [Dena DeRose](#), and bassist [Rich Syracuse](#) \$15

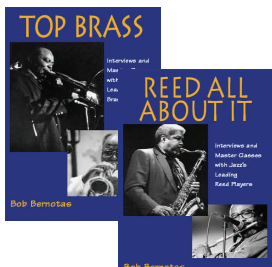
Sat., September 1, 6:00-10:00, Wall & Front Streets

FREE Outdoor Concert: singer [Chris McNulty](#), trombonist-singer [Natalie Cressman](#), trumpeter [Ingrid Jensen](#), the **Estrella Salsa Band** (w/pianist [Peggy Stern](#), baritone saxophonist [Claire Daly](#), alto saxophonist [Sue Terry](#), and others)

Acclaimed Jazz Books by Bob

Top Brass: Interviews and Master Classes with Jazz's Leading Brass Players [\[temporarily out of print\]](#)

Reed All About It: Interviews and Master Classes with Jazz's Leading Reed Players \$20, plus shipping [jazzbob.com](#)



RECOMMENDED INTERNET JAZZ RADIO

[Pure Jazz Radio](#): a 24-7-365 celebration of jazz, featuring the "Founding Fathers," the "Keepers of the Flame," and everyone in between (including *Just Jazz Presents with Bob Bernotas*).

[groovebone.org](#): All jazz trombone, all the time, produced and programmed by trombonist-bandleader [Dave Dickey](#).

[Café Latino](#): Singer-songwriter [Laura Fernandez](#) hosts two hours of Latin music, Sat. 4:00-6:00 on Toronto's Jazz FM91.

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

[wemu.org](#): Linda Yohn starts your day right with three and a half hours of jazz and blues, Mon.-Fri. 9:00-12:30 (Eastern Time).

ATTENTION LOCAL JAZZ ARTISTS!

If you've got an upcoming gig or performance in the NW New Jersey-NE Pennsylvania region, you can add it to the WNTI website's Events Calendar. Just click [here](#) and follow the instructions and submission guidelines. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR INFO AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE. Email questions to: [evets@wnti.org](#)

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