



The name says it all...

Just Jazz

November 2012

Hi Friends —

His immense body of work exuded both folksiness (“gosh-all-git-up, how’d they get so lit up?”) and erudition (“each star its own aurora borealis”). He collaborated with some of the elite of America’s popular composers — Arlen, Kern, Carmichael, Warren, Van Heusen, Mancini. He set lyrics to movie themes, jazz instrumentals, and French *chansons*. He also had an ear for melody and created some fine ones of his own. And he was the *original* “singer-songwriter,” but unlike most of today’s so-called “singer-songwriters,” he actually could sing and he wrote songs that became genuine standards. He’s the man I call “America’s Poet”: **Johnny Mercer**.

On **Sunday, November 18**, the anniversary of Mercer’s birth (as if I needed another reason to play his songs on the air) I’ll be celebrating Savannah’s favorite son on both my radio shows. That morning at **11:00** on **The Sinatra Hour** I’ll be offering a full program of Mercer’s work as sung by — *you have to ask?* (*The Sinatra Hour* is heard only on local radio, but Internet fans, have no fear. I will record the show and add it to the [radio page](#) of my website.) Then that night during **Just Jazz** I am dedicating my weekly “**Just Jazz Presents...**” feature hour to the songs of Johnny Mercer performed by the greatest voices of jazz.

So, my huckleberry friends, please join me come rain or come shine on that special day of wine and roses — and brilliant song — and help me pay tribute to (I’ll say it again) **America’s Poet**.

Stay cool and keep list’nin’,
Bob

Writing music takes more talent, but writing lyrics takes more courage. — **Johnny Mercer**

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
vibraphonist
Bobby Hutcherson

Just Jazz Presents... Features

- 11/4: *The Best of Just Jazz*
- 11/11: Latin Jazz Hour
- 11/18: **Singers Hour: The Songs of Johnny Mercer**
- 11/25: Keyboard Hour

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

Just Jazz Presents with Bob Bernotas

- 11/3, 6 & 7: Coleman Hawkins
- 11/10, 13 & 14: Billie Holiday
- 11/17, 20 & 21: Blue Mitchell
- 11/24, 27 & 28: Art Tatum

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](#)

BOB’S TEN BEST JOHNNY MERCER LYRICS

- “Blues in the Night”
- “Come Rain or Come Shine”
- “Days of Wine and Roses”
- “Early Autumn”
- “I Thought About You”
- “Laura”
- “Midnight Sun”
- “Moon River”
- “One for My Baby”
- “That Old Black Magic”

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 [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

Andrea Brachfeld: *Lady of the Island* (Zoho): This largely Latin-flavored release by flutist Andrea Brachfeld is a thorough delight. Her solos are inventive and fluid, her compositions are appealing, her takes on Hancock, Hubbard, and Ellington are fresh, and stellar guests like trumpeter Wallace Roney, trombonist Wycliffe Gordon, and percussionist Chembo Corniel add seasoning and texture to the mix.

Anat Cohen: *Claroescuro* (Anzic): *Claroescuro* is the Spanish term for the contrast of light and shade in the visual arts, an apt title for this multi-hued release by the gifted clarinetist-saxophonist Anat Cohen. On this fine CD Cohen displays her affinity for Brazilian music, her clarinet duets with Paquito D’Rivera (Artie Shaw’s “Nightmare,” Pixinguinha’s “Um a Zero”) are thrilling, and Wycliffe Gordon’s trombone and voice lend additional color to two tracks.

Steve Davis: *Gettin’ It Done* (Posi-tone): One of today’s most accomplished trombonists, Steve Davis delivers the message of hard bop at the head of a solid sextet that also features veteran pianist Larry Willis and long-time colleague alto saxophonist Mike DiRubbo. The venerable, no-nonsense genre is well-represented by six of Davis’ compositions, and he even cuts a deep, straight-ahead groove through that sixties favorite, “Sunny.”

Jay T. Vonada: *Groovin’ It* (independent release): Jay T. Vonada is a Central Pennsylvania-based trombonist who now has released his third CD, his second in this unique “trombone-organ trio” format. Joined by organist Alex Sell and drummer Kevin Lowe, Vonada proves without a doubt that his instrument fits just as comfortably, just as naturally, with the Hammond B-3 as the more often heard guitar or tenor saxophone.

UPCOMING JAZZ EVENTS

Wed., November 14, 8:00: [Jazz Masters Series](#)
alto saxophonist **Miguel Zenon’s *Identities are Changeable: Tales from the Diaspora***

A collaboration with video artist David Dempewolf, featuring Luis Perdomo, piano; Hans Glawischnig, bass; Henry Cole, drums
Williams Center for the Arts, Lafayette College, Easton, PA
\$20; box office: 610-330-5009

Sun., November 25, 3:00: [Piano in the Parlour](#)
pianist **Bruce Barth Trio**
17.50 in advance / \$22.50 at the door; ***tickets for all remaining five Sunday afternoon concerts in the series: \$80***
Rutherford Hall, 1686 Route 517, Allamuchy, NJ; info: 908-637-6455

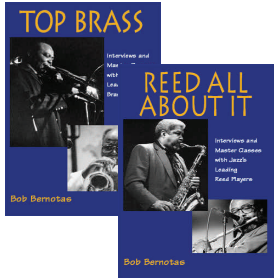
[The Stanhope House Cabaret Jazz Series](#) (in the Crossfire Lounge):

- Fri, November 2: guitarist **Bob DeVos Trio**
 - Mon, November 5: **Nancy & Spencer Reed** (vocal & guitar)
 - Wed., November 14: percussionist **Emedin Rivera Latin Jazz Trio**
 - Tue., November 20: pianist **Eric Mintell Quartet**
 - Wed., November 28: percussionist **Emedin Rivera Latin Jazz Trio**
- \$10 / doors open at 6:00
46 Main Street, Stanhope, NJ; info & reservations: 973-347-7777’
The Stanhope House is a valued underwriter of WNTI and Just Jazz.

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Top Brass: Interviews and Master Classes with Jazz’s Leading Brass Players
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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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