



The name says it all...

# Just Jazz

## December 2008

### Hi Friends –

Four years ago, only a week or so before Christmas, I had gotten back to Brooklyn on the Monday afternoon after doing my radio show – I had a 1:00-6:00 a.m. slot at that time – having caught only a three-hour snooze before the nearly two-hour drive. I parked my car, got out, and as I was walking to my apartment building I heard someone singing, loudly and to the tune of my least favorite Christmas song, “Jingle Bell Rock”:

*Giddy-up, Donald Trump, get on your horse.  
Ride 'im around the block.*

“Did I really hear that?” I asked myself. “Am I really that sleep deprived?” I wondered. Then I heard it again:

*Giddy-up, Donald Trump, get on your horse.  
Ride 'im around the block.*

And then again. Finally I spied the singer, who clearly was a few reindeer short of a sleigh. And I heard him sing it again – and again and again and again, maybe ten or twelve more times, until I was, happily, out of earshot.

Yes, friends, as a much better holiday song reminds us, “It’s Christmas Time in the city. “ My city. **New York City.**

Keep list'nin' and have a Cool Yule,  
Bob

**Just Jazz with Bob Bernotas** can be heard every Sunday night from 10:00 pm to 3:00 am Eastern Time (US) over 91.9 WNTI-FM and streaming live at [wnti.org](http://wnti.org).



### Weekly Just Jazz Presents... Features: Midnight -1:00 a.m.

12/7: pianist Art Tatum  
(**December Just Jazz Artist of the Month**)

12/14: The Singers Hour

### *And a couple of special programs to end the year...*

12/21: **The Annual Just Jazz “Cool Yule” Special**

12/28: **2008: The Year in Jazz**  
(Just Jazz, that is)

**COMING SOON:** My cool new website @ [jazzcorner.com](http://jazzcorner.com) with lots of great stuff – articles, reviews, downloads, photos, links, and more. You’re gonna love it!

### Quotes of the Month: “Why I am a musician”

If it hadn't been for the example set by my brothers, I might have gone astray and become a doctor or a lawyer.

– **drummer Albert “Tootie” Heath** (brother of bassist Percy & saxophonist Jimmy Heath)

People ask me, “Well, why are you a musician?” I say, “Well, too lazy to work, too honest to lie, too nervous to steal.”

– **trumpeter Lester Bowie**

### Recommended Internet Jazz Radio

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

**Jazz Spotlight on Sinatra**, produced and presented by Nancy Barell, features Sinatra songs through the decades, as well as jazz instrumentalists and singers who recorded songs Sinatra performed, plus other great standards:  
[live365.com/stations/nancyann3839](http://live365.com/stations/nancyann3839)

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

## THE JUST JAZZ 10 BEST NEW JAZZ CDS OF 2008

Jamie Baum: *Solace* (Sunnyside)  
T.K. Blue: *Follow the North Star* (JaJa)  
James Carter: *Present Tense* (Emarcy)  
Dena DeRose: *Live at Jazz Standard, Volume Two* (MaxJazz)  
Dave Holland: *Pass It On* (Dare2)  
Pete Malinverni: *Invisible Cities* (Reservoir Music)  
Virginia Mayhew: *A Simple Thank You* (Renma)  
James Moody & Hank Jones: *Our Delight* (IPO)  
Harvie S with Kenny Barron: *Now Was the Time* (Savant)  
Steve Wiest: *Out of the New* (Arabesque)

**BEST LATIN JAZZ CD:** Adriana Miki: *Sashimiki* (Apria)

**BEST REISSUE CD:** Art Farmer: *Brass Shout / Aztec Suite* (Blue Note)

### \* SPECIAL HONORS FOR "LOST" RECORDINGS FINALLY FOUND:

- \* Frank Rosolino-Carl Fontana: *Trombone Heaven Vancouver, 1978* (Uptown)
- \* Horace Silver: *Live at Newport '58* (Blue Note)

I'll be featuring these excellent 2008 releases on my **December 28<sup>th</sup> "The Year in Jazz"** edition of *Just Jazz*. I'll also be paying tribute that night to these giants of music who left us during 2008: Jimmy Cleveland, Jimmy Giuffre, Johnny Griffin, Neal Hefti, Israel "Cachao" Lopez, Jimmy McGriff, and Jo Stafford.

## AREA JAZZ EVENTS

Fri., December 19: Lehigh University, Zollner Arts Center, Bethlehem, PA

[A Winter Holiday Jazz Concert](#): pianist **David Leonhardt** Jazz Group featuring singer **Nancy Reed**

Barker Hall: on-stage 7:00 dinner & 8:00 performance reserved seating \$52; box office: 610-758-2787

### COMING NEXT MONTH...

["Jazz in January"](#) @ The Dome (Whitney Chapel)

Centenary College, 400 Jefferson St., Hackettstown, NJ  
Sat., January 10: singer **Bobby Caldwell & the Dick Meldonain Big Band**: Sinatra-style vocals to Nelson Riddle arrangements

\* Tickets (*this concert only*): in advance \$35 / \$27.50 students; \$40 at the door

Sat., January 17: tenor saxophonist **Houston Person Quartet**

Sat., January 24: **All-Star Septet**: Jesse Green, piano; Evan Gregor, bass; Daniel Gonzalez, drums; John Jensen, trombone; Nelson Hill, alto saxophone & flute; Dennis Jeter, trumpet & vocals; Lisa Parrott, baritone saxophone  
\* Tickets: in advance: \$22.50 / \$17.50 students; \$27.50 at the door

For all three concerts: \$75 / \$55 students

Concerts start at 8:00 p.m. **Tickets on sale now!**

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### 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 any questions to [events@wnti.org](mailto:events@wnti.org)

## LOCAL JAZZ VENUES

[Café Baci](#) (@ Mama's Restaurant, 260 Mountain Ave., Hackettstown, NJ): Jazz 7:00-10:00, 3rd Fri. of every month. 908-852-2820/2821  
*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 every Thurs., 8:00-11:00; Fri. & Sat., 7:00-11:00; Sun. 5:00-8:00. 570-424-2000

[Papillon25](#) (25 Valley St., South Orange, NJ): Jazz every Thurs., 8:00-11:30. 973-761-5299

[Shanghai Jazz Restaurant & Bar](#) 24 Main St., Madison, NJ): Jazz every Tues.-Sun. 973-822-2899

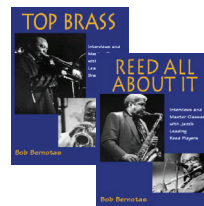
[Walpack Inn](#) (Rt. 615, Walpack Center, NJ 07881): Jazz every Fri., 8:00-10:00. 973-948-3890

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