Just Jazz

Hi Friends —

The Hall of Fame catcher Yogi Berra once told a teammate, who suggested he eat at a popular restaurant, “Nobody goes there anymore, it’s too crowded.” With that in mind I’m introducing a new gig for 2009: The Just Jazz Classic Recording of the Week.

Each week after the 11:30 break I’ll play one of those obscure jazz titles that nobody plays anymore. If everybody plays everybody plays. You know the ones I mean, those that have that special, well-crafted, built-for-a-purpose feel to them. Or maybe even a jazz in general, that had a profound and lasting influence on music, but has faded away. Like a jazz listener and, perhaps, on the overall development of the music. Plus, this gives me another chance to express my opinion about something, and sometimes I know a lot more like I’m doing.

On another note, Quincy Jones has proposed that the incoming president appoint a national Secretary for the Arts. He believes this would make the arts “as essential to the development of the country as the military.” As much as I respect Quincy I can’t quite get behind the idea ([1995]). If you agree, click here and sign the online petition.

Wishing you all health, happiness, great music, and — most of all — peace in 2009.

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, Hackettstown, NJ & wnti.org.

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